

# MARY POPPINS, JR

## COSTUMES

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Congratulations to all the cast members!

This is going to be a great show...let's talk costumes. This show's costumes will be more challenging than those of HSM, but should be fun to collect. I have pictures of some suggestions on the next page. There will be a link to a Pinterest Page also on [Pierceplayers.org](http://Pierceplayers.org)

I decided to organize these a little differently than usual, due to all the different groups and parts. Please pay close attention to the spreadsheet to be sure you know what you need to get. Highlighting your part(s) may help.

Some general notes:

Men always wore suit jackets or vests and hats. Colors were usually dark - black, gray, brown, navy or a tweed. Suspenders were worn; not belts. Shirts were normally white and had long sleeves with collars and buttons; ties were worn by all. Those of you wearing a suit coat would wear a bowler hat. If you are wearing a vest only you can wear a newsboy style hat. Dress shoes and dark socks for all.

Women wore dresses or wide skirts that went to the floor. Blouses had high collars and long sleeves, usually with lace, ruffles or pleats. Black tights are fine and 'grannie' boots. A lady never, ever went without a hat. They do not need to be over embellished, but should have some kind of decoration.

Boys wore knickers, knee socks, button-down shirts, suspenders, vests, newsboy caps, and dress shoes. Dark colors just like the men.

Girls wore dresses to mid-calf, usually made from a small print, knee socks, Mary Jane style shoes, and a simple hat - straw with perhaps a ribbon going down her back.

When googling to find something appropriate, these are good terms to use

Edwardian clothing; Gibson girl; Early 20<sup>th</sup> century clothing

There are plenty of examples of costumes from Mary Poppins Jr on You Tube also.

*Where do I get these pieces?* Start with friends and relatives. You would be surprised to see what people have in their attic. Go to second hand places like Savers, Goodwill, Second hand stores. Google DIY Edwardian clothing. Go on Facebook Yard sale sites and post what you are looking for. Amazon and costume sites may also have what you need.

*When should I start looking?* **NOW!!!!** These will take some effort on your part. Please, please, please don't come to the costume check and tell me that "I ordered it last night, but it hasn't come yet" or "I didn't have anything, so I have to start looking".

*No modern clothing will be allowed. Keep all receipts in case what you have does not meet the character you are playing.*

Some general examples of clothing.



*Wife from the Leading Paris Street*



ROLE	WHAT YOU NEED TO GET	WHAT PP WILL PROVIDE
Ensemble - Men	Dark suit with white shirt; tie; black dress shoes; black socks; hat	I will look in the costume room to see if I have anything that will do. Please look yourselves first, then contact me and we can see what we can find. You may choose the role here that you want. We can always use more children and men. If you are on the short side (like me!), think about playing a child, as a varied ensemble looks much better.
Ensemble - Women	Floor Length dress or full skirt with high collared white long sleeve blouse; granny boots; hat	
Ensemble-Boys	Knickers, white shirt, tie, vest, dark knee socks, dress shoes	
Ensemble -Girls	Calf length period dress in a small print; knee socks; Mary Jane style shoes; hat	
Ensemble - All	A brightly colored accessory to be added to your costume; eg. A hot pink scarf; bright purple flower; neon blue shawl	
Mary Poppins	White long sleeve blouse with high collar; granny boots	Blue suit; red coat; Jolly Holiday dress, hat, umbrella
Bert	Black or charcoal gray pants; gray long sleeved shirt; dark colored vest and jacket; black shoes and socks; newsboy hat	Vest for sweep; Jolly Holiday jacket
Mr. Banks	Dark 3pc suit with wing collar shirt; period tie; dress shoes and socks; tan coat	Bowler hat
Mrs. Banks	White long sleeve high collared blouse; granny boots. I would like you to concentrate on getting an overcoat that fits with the time period.	2 dresses; hat
Jane	Dark colored knee socks; Mary Jane style shoes. I would like you to concentrate on getting a girls' coat that would fit with the time period.	2 dresses; bathrobe; hat
Michael	Button down shirt; sweater vest; tie; dress shoes; knee socks; newsboy cap (see me for colors before buying)I would like you to concentrate on getting a coat that would fit with the time period	2 pair of knickers; robe
Katie Nana	Long sleeve white high collared blouse; grannie boots; hat	Skirt and jacket
Miss Smythe	Dark floor length wide shirt; white long sleeve white high collared shirt; vest to match; grannie boots.	

Mrs. Brill	Grannie boots	Dress; apron and cap
Robertson Ay	Black or charcoal gray pants; white long sleeved shirt; black shoes	Vest; apron
Bird Woman	Dark floor length wide skirt (may be a small plaid); white long sleeve white high collared blouse; grannie boots.	Shawl; coat; hat, fingerless gloves
Von Hussler	Dark 3pc suit with wing collar shirt; period tie; dress shoes	Bowler hat
Northbrook	Tweed suit- more homespun than Von Hussler; white shirt tie dress shoes	Bowler hat
Mrs. Corry	Long sleeve high collared dress blouse - see me on color before purchasing: grannie boots	Skirt; apron
Miss Andrew	Dark Green floor length full skirt; long sleeve blouse-no ruffles; grannie boots; severe looking	Black bonnet; accessories; trims
Sweeps	Dark pants; dark long sleeved shirt - gray, black, blue;	Red neckerchief
(all)/Messenger	Dark colored vest: black shoes	
Male Strollers/Kite Flyers	Dark colored drab suits; newsboy or bowler hats; dark socks: black shoes	
Female Strollers/Kite Flyers	Dark colored floor length full skirt; long sleeved high collared blouse; grannie boots or flats; hat	
<b>All strollers</b>	One colorful accessory to be added quickly backstage; example - hot pink scarf; yellow flower; brightly colored hat: printed shawl	
Policeman	Navy dress pants; dark socks and shoes	Uniform jacket and bobby hat
Honeybees	Not sure at this point. You will need black leggings or tights and shorts: jazz shoes but hold off for now	
Penguins	Not sure at this point. You will need black; jazz shoes, but hold off for now	
Statues (all)	Not sure at this point. You will need gray leggings or tights and jazz shoes, but hold off for now	gray makeup