



# Practicality Guide

(12th Season )

Questions?

Our friendly artistic director and costume committee are here to help!

Come chat with us at a rehearsal/gig  
or email us your ideas:  
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### Some simple tips:

As a group we are very versatile in our performances. We can perform in the middle of forty degree heat and when it gets cold and windy; parading or standing still. We therefore need to consider how practical our costumes are, not just for performing but for getting ready, packing away and storing in between gigs. The best costume is one that not only looks incredible, but has been designed to be as practical as possible for the wearer.

### Getting ready

When getting ready for a gig, you could be in a private room or in a car park. Consider how much skin you need to show when putting your costume on and off, and how much help you will need to get it on/adjust it.

Everyone has been running late to a gig at some point. Having a costume that you can partially wear to a gig saves you time getting ready later on, so consider having a costume you would be comfortable driving in if need be.



### Lights

The main thing to consider for lights apart from their location is the battery packs. Remember to have a few extra batteries and always charge your batteries after a gig.

When making your costume also consider where your battery packs are going to go. Sewing in a little pocket or using a little bag to store them stops them hanging free and pulling on the lights. It also means easy access for turning them on and off!



### Sticks

If you have sticks for your instrument that can break/be accidentally thrown and lost, consider having a little pocket for some extra sticks. It also means you can store them in the pocket before gigs to save holding them while getting ready.



### Packing away/Travelling

When making your costume consider how it will travel between gigs. Headpieces are normally the main concern here. Can you detach your feathers to lie them flat? Can you fit your headpiece inside a hat box to keep it safe?

For the rest of your costume you should consider having a way to keep everything separate and organised. Also remember that you may need to carry it a lot if you can't get parking close to where we are getting ready. The easiest solution for most people is to have a good strong wasam-bag with wheels and lots of pockets.