

Course Guide

TutuSchools.Com Southern California

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Advanced and Stylized Performance Tutus

\$475-\$825

Description: If you have constructed traditional tutus and are ready for a serious challenge, this is the class for you. The focus in this class is on style, imagination, technique, knowledge, and very hard work! Advanced projects include completely double-hand-pleated tutus; roll-hemmed 19-layer Faerie tutus; Spanish-style-multi-width-top-ruffled tutus; Ribbon-Candy tutus; Claudia's Fusion tutu design – a beautiful tutu fusing both the classical and romantic techniques; contemporary-style "Potato-Chip" and "Flying Saucer" tutus; half and half "Wild Side" tutus; the Mariinsky-inspired Bell-shaped Classical tutu, and our newest offering, a vintage French-style technique of alternating the way each row is attached, and then attaching a removable basque with a three-inch seam allowance at the bottom edge, allowing the tutu to be adjustable for dancers of different heights and body types. You will learn several ruffling techniques, including Tutu.Com's signature double-hand pleating method. Allow Three Days.

Ballet Dresses

\$400-\$800

Description: Next to the tutu, beautiful flowing dance dresses are the most sought-after designs for ballet. Our gorgeous dresses are designed for fit, comfort, flow, and flattery! Choose from the Empire Dress, Peasant Skirt and Bodice, or our Tiered-Spanish Skirt. Developed over many years of tutu and dance-dress design and construction, these are the same patterns our own costume shop uses every day in our own custom designs. You will find these dresses perfect for both classical roles and as the starting point for your own fabulous creations. Allow three days for the Peasant Ballet Dress with Bodice, and two days for the Empire Dress, Peasant Skirt, or Spanish Tiered Skirt.

Bodice 1&2

\$450-\$500

Description: Complete your tutu, dress, skirt, or other costume with a custom bodice. This class offers you the choice of several very different style and complexity selections, with options for creating both woven-fabric and stretch-fabric bodices. Project choices include 6, 8, 10, 12, and 16-piece bodices, plus, a crop-top style and peasant-style. Fabric choices include bengaline, brocade, spandex, stretch velvet, and our gorgeous, new stretch taffetas.

In Bodice One, you will learn how to properly use the fabric grainline, flatlining techniques, how to add bone casings to linings, how to cut and tip steel spiral boning, finishing techniques with elasticized cording, and time-honored hand-sewing techniques.

Bodice Two is a continuation of Bodice One, adding more stitching techniques, including corded seams, different nude inset and overlay techniques, attaching boning to both linings and seam allowances, and invisible closures. We prefer that you complete Bodice One before taking Bodice Two, unless you have made properly corseted bodices before, using proper flatlining techniques. Allow Two Days. [<LINK TO PICTURES>](#)

Children's Pull-On Tutus – Evening Add-On Class

\$150-\$200

Description: Join us for an evening of making fabulous tutus for children. Participants will make an adorable four-layer, soft-tulle, pull-on tutu and decorate it with ribbons and trims. These tutus make a great project for fundraisers for ballet schools and companies. Choose from three sizes – Infant, Toddler, and Child. Teens of all ages (12 and up) with some machine-sewing experience are welcome to take this class. \$100 if registered for other classes; \$200 if not registered for other classes. Allow three hours. [<LINK TO PICTURES>](#)

Classical Traditional Performance Tutus

\$750-\$800

Description: Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned professional, this class offers two options to fit your needs. This seminar teaches it all, from the very start to the completed tutu, including skirt fitting, custom basque patterning and construction, hooping, tacking, and much, much more. Learn everything you need to know to make your own beautiful, professional, performance-ready Classical Tutus. You will learn several ruffling techniques, including Tutu.Com's signature double-hand pleating method. As part of this class, you will receive "The Classical Tutu Book" by Claudia Folts, plus her new, step-by-step, basque-patterning instructions, complete with full-color photographs, and Tutu.Com's "57 Steps Cheat-Sheet," a great reminder of the proper order of construction to help you with what to do when you get home and make more tutus. Allow Three Days. [<LINK TO PICTURES>](#)

Men's Tunics Level One

\$450

Description: This class is an introduction to sewing costumes for male dancers. Classical tutus and women's costumes aren't the only kinds of dance costumes. Men's costuming is often forgotten or put off until the last minute, due to the fact that so few costumers have experience making these very-important costumes. These 'other' costumes shouldn't come from second-hand stores or someone's attic. In this class, you will be using Claudia Folts/Kellie Sheehan's Classic Style Tunic, which is a great base and easily adaptable to different necklines/sleeve styles for many roles. In this Level One class, you will learn how to correctly use your grain lines, and how to set sleeves on a heavy powernet undervest. Allow Two Days. [<LINK TO PICTURES>](#)

Romantic Performance Tutus

\$425-\$500

Description: Soft, long, flowing... in a word, romantic. Who would guess there are so many ways to make romantic tutus? With new and unique styles, this class offers multiple challenges, complexities and opportunities. This year we are offering seven different romantic projects – Traditional Giselle style; Neo-Classical with Quilted Hipline; Neo-Classical with a high-waisted basque; Roll-hemmed Petaled Waltz of the Flowers; Russian Gored; Reversible Romantic; tapered Cascading roll-hemmed style. Allow One to Two Days, depending on project chosen. [<LINK TO PICTURES>](#)

Stretch Performance Tutus

\$725-\$750

Description: This class was developed for those who are interested in making tutus using stretch materials but want to preserve more of the polished, professional quality "look" than the stretch tutus and children's tutus currently available on the market today. You will make a beautiful, professional-quality tutu-skirt, attached to one of three choices of a stretch, leotard-style top. Students **MUST** have experience sewing stretch fabrics, as the techniques used in stretch sewing do have a bit of a learning curve. If you have **NEVER** worked with stretch fabrics before, we suggest you take our Basic Leotard Class before attempting this class, or find another class locally with an emphasis on working with stretch fabrics; however, this is not a firm prerequisite, as many experienced stitchers will pick up the techniques quite easily. Call us to discuss if you are unsure. This is a professional quality tutu built in the traditional classical style with a modern twist, and you won't want to miss it! Allow two to three days, depending on your sewing skills. [<LINK TO PICTURES>](#)

The Business of the Costume Business

\$30- \$55

Description: Claudia Folts, founder and owner of Tutu.Com, and special guests invite you to an informal discussion of the dance costume business. Whether you are thinking about starting your own business or you're already in business, this round-table will be of benefit to you. Topics will include ethical business practices/behavior, design ethics, pricing your work, advertising, building a strong social media presence, developing a following, the importance of excellent customer service, how to easily make an unhappy client happy, ballet appropriateness in design and color selections, and much more. Bring your questions and experiences! *\$30, if registered for other classes, otherwise \$55. Allow 90 minutes. . [<LINK TO PICTURES>](#)

Tiaras – Evening Add-On Class

\$75-\$325

Description: You know the ones – those beautiful Crystal Tiaras that look like real diamonds, rubies, emeralds and sapphires. The ones that will make those ready-made tiaras turn pale in comparison! This year, we are offering six Level One and three Level Two designs from which to choose. Our newest addition is our “La Bayadere - Kingdom of the Shades” design. Other projects include both headpieces and tiaras with Swarovski® and Czech rhinestones - Princess, Arabian, Classic, Sugar Plum Fairy, Snow Queen, Esmerelda Headpiece, and a simple, but lovely Flower and Jewel Headpiece. Allow six to eight hours for this class, typically spread over two evenings. If not taking other classes, add \$50 to cost. [<LINK TO PICTURES>](#)