

# Seussical Costume List

Please be advised: these costumes should not be costly! Please explore options such as thrift store shopping or do-it-yourself projects.

## Citizens of Whoville:

1. Your costume should be fun, quirky, and, most importantly, it must be **YELLOW**. Please find clothes that are yellow! After you have a yellow costume, please add accessories of **DIFFERENT BRIGHT COLORS** that have different **LARGE** patterns, such as polka dots, stripes, etc. Accessories for boys can be: hats, neckties, vests, shoes, etc. Accessories for girls can be: hairbows, hats, striped or patterned tights, aprons, sashes, colorful shoes, etc. Please: no dull colors and no fluorescents! Everything should be very clear, bright, and fun! Also, it's all about the hair! We need crazy who-hair! Use lots of mousse and gel to create fun and interesting hairdos! And please don't forget head accessories such as hats, ribbons, and bows.
2. Every Whoville Citizen will also need an all-black costume to wear during the "black-out" scenes. This must be a long-sleeved black shirt and black pants, as well as black shoes. This costume will not be seen much by the audience and should be **VERY** inexpensive. Please don't go out and buy black clothes for this! If necessary, borrow from friends or family members.

## Jungle Animals:

1. We are going for a more "stylistic" approach for costuming the animals. So, if you are a lion, for instance, instead of a full-body, furry lion costume, it would be great if you could wear a lion headpiece, but then just wear a yellow sweatshirt, jeans, a lion's tail, and Converse-style shoes (there are cheap versions of "Converse" at Family Dollar). So, for each animal, it's all about the headpiece and tail! The rest of the costume should just be jeans and a sweatshirt the color of your animal. Feel free to add animal-print accessories, such as sashes, bandanas, etc. Also, each animal needs a bright accessory to wear for the part in the show when the animal is a "circus animal." For instance, please find an accessory such as a bright-colored ruffly collar, wrist cuffs, clown hat, or other fun, bright circus-looking hat or accessory.
2. Every Jungle Animal will also need an all-black costume to wear during the "black-out" scenes. This must be a long-sleeved black shirt and black pants, as well as black shoes. This costume will not be seen much by the audience and should be **VERY** inexpensive. Please don't go out and buy black clothes for this! If necessary, borrow from friends or family members.

Horton the Elephant: You are an elephant, but we are going to go with more of a "stylistic" costume. Feel free to wear elephant ears, but instead of a trunk, please wear a large, bright, colorful, polka-dotted necktie (think "clown" necktie...). We need to purchase two of these ties because the Elephant-Bird will wear one at the end, so please purchase **TWO** neckties (we will reimburse you for the additional tie).

Or, instead of elephant ears, you could choose to wear a winter hat with ear-flaps (Horton is really kind of a nerd...) Please have a primarily **GREY** costume - grey is your color! The necktie, however, can be many bright colors.

Feel free to wear something grey that represents an elephant, such as baggy sweats or an oversized t-shirt - or, even better would be **OVERALLS!** A large, grey vest would be nice, too, if you choose to wear pants instead of overalls. Please wear heavy, black work boots.

Gertrude McFuzz: You are **BLUE** bird! A cute little "nerd bird!" Later on in the show, we will add a tail of bright colors, but please have a short, blue feather boa as a tail for the majority of the time (attach the feather boa to a string or ribbon and tie around the waist). Include as many blue feathers as possible in your costume, including blue feathers in

your hair (you could glue them to a headband, etc.). You may choose to wear a blue leotard with a blue tutu or ballet-skirt (or you may choose to wear something more "plain" since Gertrude is known as a "plain bird"). You could also wear a blue top with blue leggings instead (the leggings could be patterned or plain). It would be great if you could wear some large, nerdy glasses. If you wear a leotard, please wear nude-colored tights or leggings. Gertrude can even wear socks over the tights or leggings (to add extra "nerdiness"). Feel free to wear Converse-style shoes (there are cheap version of "Converse" at Family Dollar.)

Mayzie LaBird: You are a fancy, schmancy **RED** bird! Your costume needs to be packed with red feathers and be DAZZLING! You are a real show-bird! Your costume should be a red leotard with a red tutu. Feel free to add any sparkles or glitz to your costume, and be sure to have red feathers in your hair (you could glue them to a headband, etc.). Your tail should be made of multi-colored feather boas, and there should be many of them (Mayzie is known for her fabulous tail!). The feather boas can be long, but please do not let them touch the ground (so that they won't be hard to dance with). Attach the boas to a string or ribbon and tie around the waist. Please wear nude-colored tights or leggings. and black heels (with straps) that you can dance in (if you Google "character shoes," you will see great examples of heeled dance shoes). You are FANCY!

The Cat in the Hat: You are a "classic" Cat in the Hat, so please wear the red-and-white-striped Seuss hat, white gloves, a red necktie, and large, round spectacles. It would be fabulous if you could wear a black suit-jacket (with tails, if possible!) and either black slacks or striped slacks. Please wear black shoes.

JoJo: Please wear shorts, a bright-colored striped shirt (big, bold stripes), and a spinner cap. Feel free to wear Converse-style shoes (there are cheap version of "Converse" at Family Dollar.) You do not need to wear all-yellow like the other Whos. You are a rebel, and it would be best if you stand out a bit.

Mr. Mayor and Mrs. Mayor: Should be dressed in the same style as the other Whos, but should also seem slightly dressier to show wealth. For example, add a top hat for Mr. Mayor and maybe a vest and tie, and for Mrs. Mayor add gloves, a fancy hat, and a chunky pearl necklace or other large jewelry accessories.

Sour Kangaroo: Needs to have sass and style! Please wear a sweatshirt like the other jungle animals, but please create a large pocket (pouch) in the sweatshirt that your baby kangaroo (which will be a puppet) can come out of. You will also need to purchase a kangaroo puppet (there are some for only \$10 on Amazon), and you should both be dressed identically. Please wear something flashy and fun to make you stand out from the other jungle animals. For instance, you could wear an African print shirt or baggy leggings. Please be sure to wear a headpiece with "kangaroo" ears, and you could also create a kangaroo tail, if you wish.

Yertle the Turtle: Please wear a green sweatshirt like the other animals, but please try to create a turtle shell on your back. Be creative! The shell could be made of any material. Also, you are a judge at the end of the show, so it would be great if you could wear an old-fashioned judge's necktie (ruff) and a white, curled wig (see pic).

The Wickersham Brothers (apes): We may or may not have you wear monkey ears and tails, but please be part of a "tough monkey gang." Please wear black jeans or pants and black t-shirts. Please add "tough" and/or furry accessories, such as black leather jackets, brown or black bandanas around your head, wallet chains, black or brown vests, black leather "knuckle" gloves, etc. Your colors are **BLACK** and **BROWN**. Please wear black boots or Converse-style shoes. You guys are TOUGH and are nothing to "monkey" around with! You are attention-seeking daredevils and are the "bad biker dudes" of the jungle.



**Bird Girls:** You are a part of Mayzie's lovely bird-girl group. You will each be a different color of bird (one yellow, one green, one bright pink, etc.) and you should wear a leotard and tutu (or ballet-type skirt) of that color. If you can't find a leotard of your color, please get a white one and dye it; it's very important that your bird color be very obvious and distinct. Your costume will need to be accessorized with tons of feathers of your color, including feathers in your hair (you could glue them to a headband, etc.). You should also have a feather boa of your color to represent your tail (please attach the feather boa to a string or ribbon and tie it around the waist). Please wear nude-colored tights or leggings, and please wear black shoes that you can dance in (ballet, jazz, or character shoes are great).

**The Grinch:**

1. We want to go as "classic Grinch" as we possible can for this. Please wear a long-sleeved green shirt, green pants, and get some green hairspray and face paint.
2. You will also be playing a jungle animal during most of the show, so please plan to wear a Jungle Animal costume as well.

**The Fish:**

1. Stay tuned...we need to make some decisions about how exactly we will portray the fish for costume purposes.
2. You will also be playing a jungle animal for most of the show, so please plan to wear a Jungle Animal costume.

**The Boy:**

1. Please wear a bright red shirt (it may have bold stripes, if you'd like), shorts, and a bright-colored baseball cap (worn backwards).
2. You may also be playing a jungle animal for most of the show, so please plan to wear a Jungle Animal costume.

**Vlad Vladikoff:**

1. You are a "black-bottomed eagle," so you must appear to be a black bird. Please wear black pants, a grey or black long-sleeved shirt, and a black vest adorned with black feathers. You may also choose to wear some black face paint around your eyes and wear feather-covered wristbands. Please wear black shoes.
2. You may also be playing a jungle animal for most of the show, so please plan to wear a Jungle Animal costume.