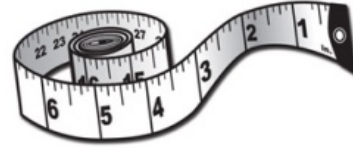


How to Measure



Measurement—the first step to a good fit

Getting a tutu that really fits begins with taking accurate body measurements. Here are a few tips:

- Never do your measurements when you are rushed or tired.
- It is a good idea to have your measurements checked by a second person—or repeat them at a separate time.
- Make sure you understand how to obtain each measurement point correctly. Read through the instructions and if you have questions, feel free to contact Class Act Tutu.

Getting Ready

- Have the [printable measurement chart](#) and a pen or pencil ready.
- Wear only underwear or a lightweight leotard to take your measurements.
- A well fitting bra that gives a desired bustline shape is recommended.
- Tie a piece of narrow ribbon or elastic around your waist and high hip. (See instructions below).
- Stand up straight with your weight evenly distributed.
- Do not hold your breath.
- When taking circumference measurements (like the waist and the hip), keep the tape snug but not taut. Keep your fingers on top of the tape—not between the tape and your body. When taking the vertical measurements, keep the tape taut.

1. **Bust** – Measure over the fullest part of bust.
2. **Diaphragm** – Measure under the bust.
3. **Waist** – Measure around the natural waist indentation. *To find your natural waist, tie the ribbon or elastic around your waist. Walk and twist around. This “belt” will fall naturally into your waist.*
4. **Underarm to Waist** – **With your arm relaxed at your side**, measure from the armpit to the waist. *You can locate the level of your armpit by placing a ruler horizontally under your arm.* **NOTE:** The side seam on a tutu bodice generally starts around 2 inches down from the armpit. If you are choosing a standard size tutu bodice, use this “Underarm to Waist” measurement help you select the correct side seam length.
5. **Back-Waist Length** – Measure from the prominent bone at the base of the neck, down the spine to the bottom edge of the waist ribbon.
6. **Basque Depth** – This is the distance from your waist to the bottom of the tutu basque (see diagram). Choose 3 inches, 4 inches or 5 inches. Keep in mind that a basque that is too long will ride up and bag and may hinder your ability to fully move your leg.
7. **High Hip** – After choosing your basque depth, tie a second ribbon or elastic at this level. Measure this circumference.
8. **Full Hip** – Measure around the largest part of the buttocks.
9. **Skirt Length** – This measurement is dependent upon your tutu style.
 1. For a *Romantic Tutu Skirt*, measure from the waist to where you want your tutu hem to end.
 2. For a *Bell, Classical or Romantic Tutu Skirt with Basque*, measure from the high hip to the hem.
10. **Half Girth** – Measure from the bottom edge of the waist ribbon at the center back to the bottom edge of waist ribbon at the center front.
11. **Full Girth** – Measure from the midpoint on the shoulder in the front, through the crotch and back to the midpoint of the shoulder in the back.