



Tips for Achieving Party Girl Curls!

The role of "Party Girl" in *The Nutcracker* is so fun and special! Along with the dancing, acting and beautiful dresses, comes hair that is different from the rest of the ballet. For our production, Party Girls will wear their hair "half up" with ringlets. The front of the hair should be smooth as if in a ballet bun. Please curl both the half pony tail and under side of the hair. It also a good idea to bring your styling tool with you to the theater.

Making party girl curls:

- Ringlets are best achieved with hot rollers, or a curling iron and lots of hair product!
- Hair tends to hold curl best the day after washing, and when dry.
- First, place hair in a half-ponytail at the crown of the head. Pull back any bangs or wisps and secure with hairspray and or bobby pins.
- Next, roll hair in a hot roller, or 1 inch (or smaller) barrel curling iron. For best results, hair should be curled in individual ½ inch sections. Spritzing some hair spray or spray gel onto the hair prior to curling increases the curl's hold.
- Curls are to remain tight. Do not comb out or tease.
- Spray with strong hold hair spray to ensure curls stay. Hair will likely not be soft to touch, but will not appear that way from stage.
- Hair bows will be provided with costume at the theater.

Note: There are many tutorials and parent tips online for making party girl ringlets. Our production is not requiring tight, stiff ringlets that some productions do. See the images below for example hair.

