

## Costuming Concepts/Suggestions for *Once Upon a Mattress*

Many of these costumes can be found on Amazon's and/or Target's websites. Also, there are many patterns for costumes I am describing. If you have friends in theatre, dance, and/or Renaissance Faire enthusiasts, then they may have some of these types of costumes too. Just ask around before you decide to buy. You can also check to see how much it would cost to rent a similar costume from Hughie and Louie's in Raleigh, <http://www.hughieandlouies.com/>

Please know acquiring the costuming and keeping up with the costuming is the responsibility of the students and parents because we have limited costuming resources at Martin.

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Thank You,

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In general, think about the costuming of royalty from Renaissance, and anything like that would be fine – Long dresses, tunics, knit pants, peasant blouses, and aprons

Few costume changes, but crowns, props, head pieces, etc change with scenes

### Princess Winnifred:



Long dress maxi/gown with vest, deep red/green/purple

Long, white/off-white nightgown/cotton gown

Head chain

Tiara

**Prince Dauntless:**

Black knit pants, black shoes/socks

Deep Green/Purple Tunic

Crown/beret – Change with scenes

**Queen Aggravain:**

Red, deep purple, and/or deep green long dress

2 big head pieces and a crown

To change scenes, we will change head pieces, not multiple costumes

**Wizard:**

Hooded cloak, red, purple, and green – match to Queen color

Change staff as change scenes, not cloaks

**Lady Larken:**



Pastel Light blue maxi dress/long dress

Cone Princess Hat <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20zsaTAiVf8>

Tiara

Change accessories, hats/tiaras for scene changes

**Sir Harry:**

Blue Tunic with black knit pants

Black boots

Hats to change with scenes

**Minstrel:**

Vibrant colors for knit pants/joggers

Peasant shirt with a vest

Tunic

Beret/Floppy artist's hat, some with feathers and some without – Change hats for scene changes

**Jester:**



Knit pants, try to get a color

Contrasting Tunic

Change prop for scene changes (poi, juggling balls, flower sticks, etc)

**King Sextimus:**



Red, Green, and/or Purple Tunic

Cape/cloak of same color

Black, knit pants

Black socks

Crown – Change crowns for scene changes

**Kitchen Wench:**

Peasant shirt, vest, and long skirt with apron (Colorful)



**Ladies Lucille, Maribelle, Merrill, Rowena:**

Pastel colored Maxi Dress/Long dress, possibly go together to get, with cone Princess hats

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=20zsaTAiVf8> – Video for princess hat

1 Tiara each

**Princess No. 12:**



Sunset/sunrise colors Maxi Dress/Long dress with a vest and/or cloak with head chain

**Sir Studley(Knight):**



Silver shirt

Red vest/tunic

Black, knit pants/joggers

Brown or black boots

**Ensemble, Male:**

Tunics/long button up shirts, any color

Black/brown knit pants/joggers

Plain, Black socks/Black shoes, no athletic shoes/sneakers/tennis shoes

**Ensemble, Female:**

Plain, black shoes

Maxi dresses, all colors

Solid aprons/vests

Peasant shirts

Long colored skirts