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## How to critique your “First in Production Sample” and how to choose correct sizes, using our sizing samples.

As soon as you place your order, we are now set to order your fabrics and trims and then create your exclusive, original pattern.

Once the fabrics are “in” and your pattern has been completed, we cut your sample. Your “first in production” sample is cut in our Sample size M-Medium. We then work out the construction and add any trims that you requested.

Next, we then notify you that we are ready to send you your “first in production” sample and we select the closest silhouette from our stock of SIZING SAMPLES. We have these SIZING SAMPLES cut in many silhouettes. Most are cut in 4-way stretch Lycra spandex and may have similar stretch to your sample, or they may not. We have long and short jumpsuits, A-line dresses, sleeveless and long-sleeved leotards, pull-on skirts, shorts, bra-tops and pants and concert dresses. We have show choir dresses and jackets with less stretch, as these garments are typically cut from non-basic fabrics, with less stretch. These are all in our women’s adult sizes.

We also have several silhouettes in our Child Sizes and Men’s Sizes.

Because we realized, many years ago, that measuring for sizes has become much more difficult, we started creating these SIZING SAMPLES to make it much easier to choose the best sizes for your performance teams.

It is still not a science, but an art. The reason? Most of the fabrics that we use to construct our performance apparel is stretchy. There are many different stretch proportions in spandex fabrics, today. Some have more stretch one direction than the other.

When you are critiquing your “first in production sample”, please refer to our form titled “Fit & Performance Check Sheet” for women and “Fit & Performance Check Sheet-Men”. Once you have completed your Check Sheet, you now need to choose your sizes.

**Step #1:** Your model that you used for your critique – have them try on the size M-Medium Sizing Sample and note how it looks and fits. Your goal is to find the correct Sizing Sample for all your group members, and their sample should look and fit how the size M-Medium Sizing Sample fits your model.

**Step #2:** Look at our measurement chart and be aware of approximately what bust/chest and hip measurements everyone has. Pull the Medium-length Sizing Sample that you feel is the best choice for each person. Try this one – and if it seems to fit well width-wise, then you need to determine if the Medium Length is the best choice. On our adult sizes, there is approximately 2” difference in circumference, between the sizes, so try on the next bigger size, if the first choice was too tight, or the next smaller size, if it was too big.

**Step #3:** If your Medium length is perfect – record your size. If it is too bunched, especially at the back waist area - and too long, then try on the Short version. If it is too tight lengthwise, then try on the Long Version. If you need something longer or shorter, then choose X-Short or X-Long. These sizes will have the same length difference as the amount of difference between the other sizes on the chart.

**Step #4:** Record all your team members and their sizes for your records. Add up how many of each size, and write the total numbers on our Cutting Chart that has been sent to you, or record them in an email, listing all the sizes, as noted on our Size Chart. They should then be recorded with the Letter for the width size first, and the spelled out length size, second. For example: S-Long or XL-Short. Do NOT spell out each size and always list the width size first. This will eliminate any confusion.

**Step #5:** Email your sizes to us and notes on your critique.

**Step #6:** Pack up all the Sizing Samples and your "First in Production" sample in plastic and ship back to us. Enclose a copy of your sizes and your filled out "Fit & Performance Check Sheet". All garments should be in either a large plastic bag, or individual plastic bags to prevent any problems if the shipping box ends up in water, somehow. You are responsible for the cost to ship these garments back to us. You may choose which shipping agent to use, depending on what is most cost effective and convenient for you. We prefer UPS, because of tracking and early delivery to our shop. If you did not pay for shipping, then you must schedule a specific time to drop off your Sizing Samples and "First in Production" Sample, during our regular business hours.

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