

# Tribal Belly Dance Basic Costume Guide

All pieces should be in rich, jewel tone colors or black. The look is very opulent in an ethnic way, so layer on the hip scarves, tassels, and klunky jewelry!

## Elements

**Pantaloon:** Harem style pants, full legs with elastic or tapered ankles.

**Skirt:** Ankle length, full skirt. Either with gathered tiers or gored for fullness.

**Choli Top:** Cropped, short sleeved, fitted top with or without open back.

**Belt:** Fringed hip scarves, tassel belts, or metal coin belts. Layer belts on top of each other for a very ethnic look.

**Veil:** Worn pinned to the back of the turban and tucked in at the hips. Semi sheer to sheer and can be solid or have subtle designs on it.

**Turban:** You'll need an assortment of scarves to wrap a turban and a handful of long straight pins. Pick scarves that are cotton or rayon as they slip less when wrapped. Download a wrapping guide from the webpage.

**Jewelry:** Tribal dancers need lots of jewelry so use everything you have. Load on bracelets, necklaces and earring. You can use necklaces as belly drapes, earrings on turban ornaments and more!

**Makeup:** Lots of dark makeup is required to balance with the Tribal outfit. Black lined eyes, dark red lips and tribal tattoos are crucial to the look. Download a makeup guide from the webpage.

## Sources

Check your local import stores.

Thrift Stores (Good Will, Savers): Dirt Cheap, but good for stocking up

**Skirts** - broomstick style, \$5

**Turban Scarves** - mostly small accent scarves, \$3

**Jewelry** - cheap and klunky, \$1-5

Fabric Stores (Hancock's, Jo-Anns, Hobby Lobby):

**Veils** - 3 yards of any chiffon type fabric that moves well, \$2-10 a yard

**Make your own! Construction guides available at [www.desertraindance.org](http://www.desertraindance.org)**

