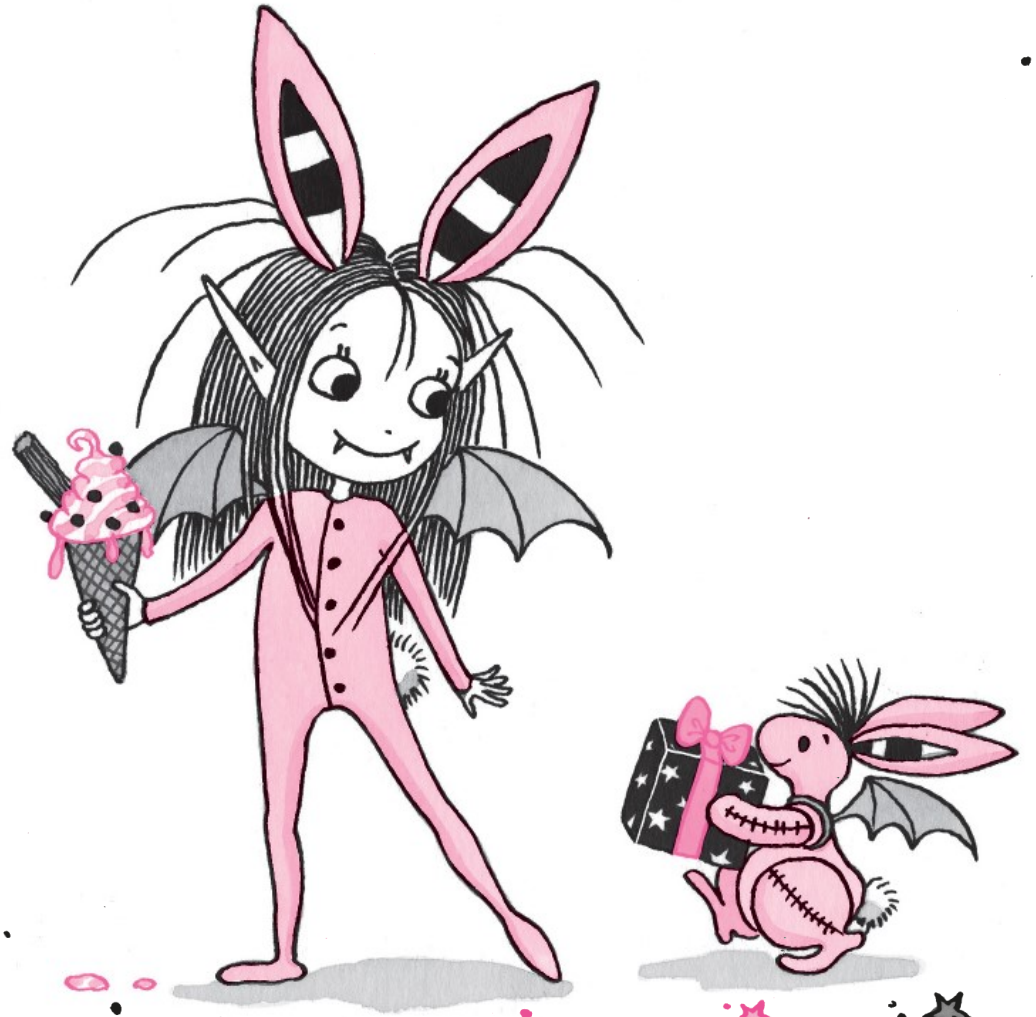
Dress Up As

ISADORA MOON

and Friends



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How to dress up as Isadora Moon

To get the Isadora Moon look, you need to start with these five things:

1. Fangs – you can use plastic ones from a costume shop, or draw them on below your lower lip using face paint or eyeliner pencil.

2. Bat wings – buy some ready-made ones online or from a costume shop, or you can make your own with cardboard, paint and string. There's a free downloadable pattern on the Isadora Moon website (www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/isadora-moon-activities)

3. Messy hair – Let your long hair go wild, or use a wig. For a really messy look, try running a comb backwards through your hair – but be prepared to spend some time de-tangling afterwards!

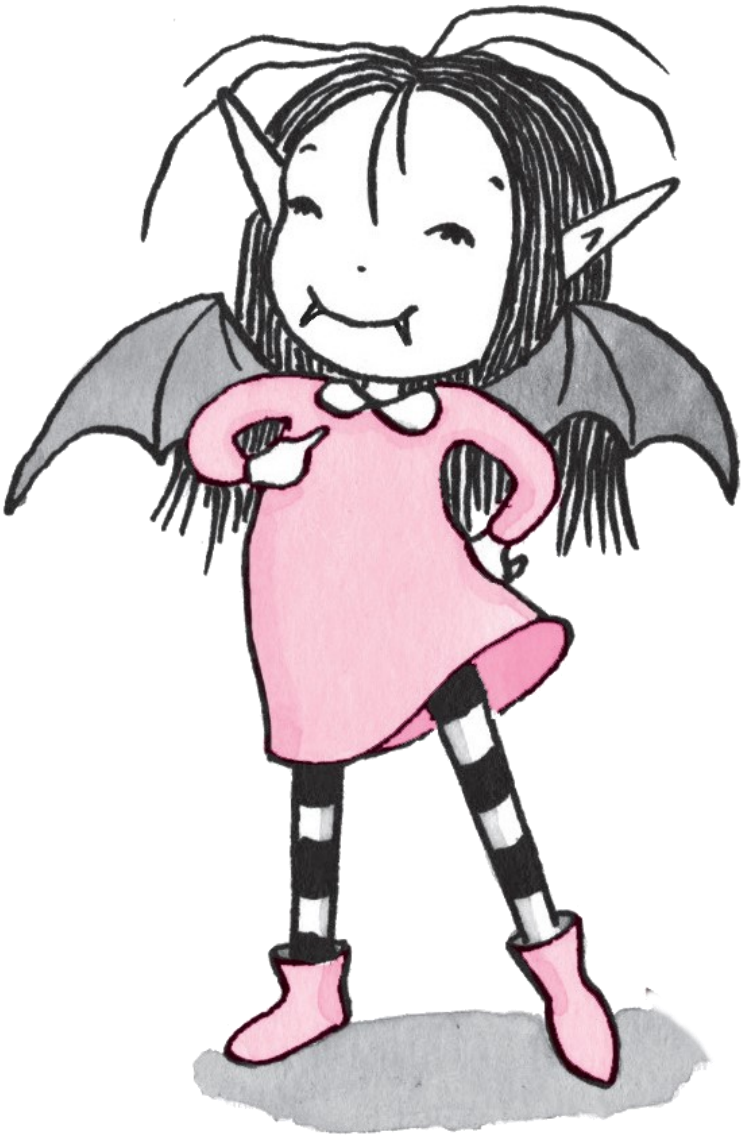
4. A magic wand – you might have one in your toy-box already, but if not, you can buy one from most toy or costume shops. You could also try making one with a long, straight piece of wood and a cardboard star covered in foil or glitter.

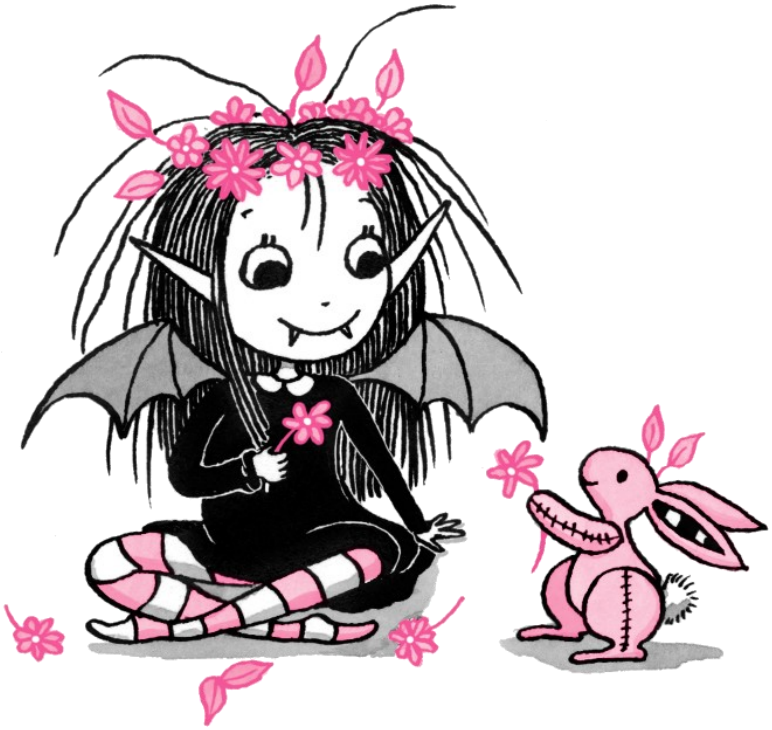
5. Pointy fairy ears – The tips of Isadora's ears always stick out through her hair. You can achieve this look by gluing skin-coloured cardboard triangles onto the side of an old headband, or by wearing some rubber pointy ('elf') ears from a costume shop.

Once you have these five things, you're over halfway there. Now you need to think about clothes. Fortunately, Isadora likes to wear lots of different outfits, so you have plenty of options. Here are some of the different outfits she's worn in her adventures so far:

As you can see, there's no one set Isadora look, but Isadora always loves:

- ★ The colours pink and black, with a little white.
- ★ Black and white (or sometimes pink and white) stripes – especially on tights.
- ★ Designs featuring stars, moons or bats.
- ★ Comfy pink or black boots.





Isadora loves wearing flower crowns, just like her fairy mum.

Isadora Moon essentials:

- ☐ Messy hair
- ☐ Fangs
- ☐ Pointy ears
- ☐ Bat wings
- ☐ Pink or black dress / ballet leotard and tutu
- ☐ Stripy tights
- ☐ Pink or black boots

How to dress up as Mirabelle Starspell

Mirabelle's most distinctive feature is her long purple and black hair (which looks pink in some lights!). Her clothes tend to match her hair, and her favourite dress has a purple or pink and black skirt shaped like the petals of a flower.

Like Isadora, she loves clothes and accessories decorated with crescent moons and stars, but unlike Isadora, she prefers spider designs to bats. Her tights are similar to Isadora's, always being striped with black and white, black and pink or black and purple, but the boots she wears are slightly taller and have pointier toes. Her look is completed with a tall black, pointy witch's hat. She also often travels with her portable cauldron.

Even though Mirabelle is also half fairy, she doesn't have wings like Isadora. She also doesn't usually use her magic wand, although she does have one.

Mirabelle Starspell essentials:

- ☐ Pointy black witch's hat
- ☐ Long pink/purple and black hair or wig
- ☐ Pink/purple and black dress
- ☐ Stripy tights
- ☐ Pointy black boots
- ☐ Spider design accessories (optional
- ☐ Witch's cauldron (optional)

How to dress up as Cordelia Moon

Isadora's mum almost exclusively wears pink clothes and pink accessories, although one of her handbags is black and decorated with stars. She usually wears a pink dress, sometimes with a pink cardigan if it's a little cool. When it gets really chilly, she has a pink coat, two-tone pink scarf and a bobble hat topped with a pink flower. She's never without her flower crown, and sometimes clips flowers into her hair as well. She also always has her magic wand to hand, which is topped with a pink star.

All fairies love flowers and nature, have fluttery wings and carry a magic wand, so bear this in mind if you want to dress up as a different fairy.

Cordelia Moon essentials:

- ☐ Flower crown
- ☐ Long flowing pink hair
- ☐ Flowers in your hair (optional)
- ☐ Pink dress, ideally with floral decoration
- ☐ Pink cardigan (optional)
- ☐ Pink star magic wand
- ☐ Pink handbag or black starry handbag (optional)
- ☐ Pink shoes

Once a year, Cordelia dons a black velvet cape for the Vampire Ball

How to dress up as Bartholomew Moon

Vampires take pride in their neat and tidy hair

Isadora's dad is a vampire, so it's important for him to wear anything black, gothic and sleek. He always wears his black cape with the large collar, and usually pairs this with grey-and-black pinstripe trousers, a white shirt and shiny, pointy black shoes. Occasionally he dons a pink hi-vis waistcoat.

In really hot weather, he swaps out his usual outfit for a grey, bat-patterned short-sleeved shirt with black shoes. He sometimes likes to accessorise with his jewel-studded antique comb and a silver-buckled utility belt that holds: nail scissors, hair gel, a bottle of red juice, a blindfold, and earplugs.

Whatever he's wearing, he always has neatly combed and slicked hair, and, of course, don't forget the fangs!

If you want to be your own vampire character, then remember to dress in lots of smart, darkly-coloured clothes and make sure your hair is really neat. Finally, you'll need some fangs, a black cape, and maybe a bottle of red juice.

Bartholomew's summer outfit

Bartholomew also likes this pink hi-vis waistcoat

Bartholomew Moon essentials:

- ☐ Slicked down hair
- ☐ Fangs
- ☐ Long black cape
- ☐ White shirt
- ☐ Pinstripe trousers
- ☐ Pointy black shoes

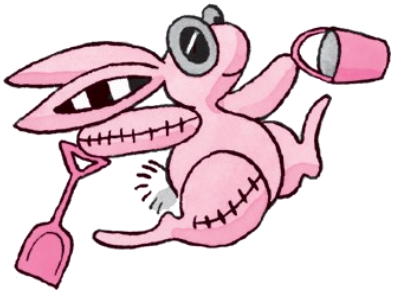
How to dress up as Pink Rabbit

Pink Rabbit, as his name suggests, is very pink, so if you have lots of pink clothes already, this could be a good costume for you. Firstly you'll need enough pink clothes to cover your whole body, ideally including pink gloves. You can create Pink Rabbit's distinctive black stitches in a number of ways. If you're using old clothes, you could use a permanent or fabric marker to draw them on. If you don't want the clothes to be stained, use a washable felt tip pen instead, but make sure to test it in a hidden part of the clothes first and see if you it really will wash out. Another way to make the stitches would be to literally sew them in using thick black wool and a large needle.

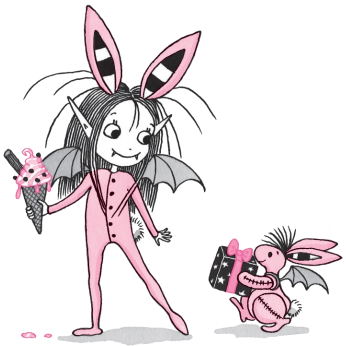
Paint your whole face pink using appropriate face-paints, then outline your eyes in black (as if you were wearing think eyeliner) and paint your lips black. Pink Rabbit's nose is pink, so you don't need to add any black paint to your nose. Lastly, you need to add the ears. If you can find some pink-and-white bunny ears in a costume shop or online then you can just add some stripes using black fabric or black pen. Alternatively, you could make your own Pink Rabbit ears by cutting rabbit-ear-shapes out of cardboard and painting them pink, white and black. When the paint is dry you can use sticky tape to attach them to a headband. You will probably also need to reinforce them by sticking some stiff wire, such as from a metal coat hanger, to the back of the ears using sticky tape. Remember to cover over any sharp ends of the wire using sticky tape, modelling clay, or small pieces of packing foam. Finally, you need to attach a fluffy white tail. It could be a pom-pom or some faux fur, and you could tuck it into your waistband or pin it on with a safety pin.

Pink Rabbit essentials:

- ☐ Pink ears with black and white stripes
- ☐ Pink face paint (optional)
- ☐ Lots of pink clothes, with stitches drawn on
- ☐ Pink gloves (optional)
- ☐ Fluffy white tail



Pink Rabbit is ready for summer with his sunglasses, bucket and spade

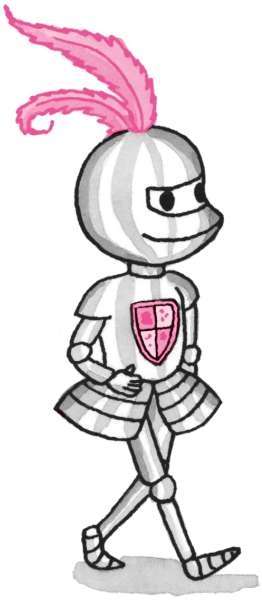


Even Isadora sometimes likes to dress up as Pink Rabbit

How to dress up as A Mermaid

Mermaids generally have long, flowing hair and like star-shaped hair accessories. You could cut a tail-shape out of cardboard and decorate it using paint, silver foil, or large sequins. Use string to tie it to your waist and wear black leggings to hide your human legs. Alternatively, you could buy a mermaid tail costume from a fancy dress shop, or ask a crafty adult to sew one for you.

How to dress up as Oscar the Ghost



The simplest way to make an Oscar the Ghost costume would be to drape an old white sheet over yourself. You will need to cut out two holes for eyes and make it a bit tighter round the neck. The best way to do this would be to sew a length of elastic into the neck of the costume, or you could just tie the elastic around the outside of the costume for a quicker method. A stretchy white hairband could work as well. Be very careful with what you choose to make the neck of the costume fit more snugly though! Any cord or string that you need to tie could become dangerously tight if it got caught on anything, so make sure to use something that will stretch.

Oscar has black eyes and a black mouth. You could achieve this effect by painting round your eyes and lips with black face paint so it shows through the whole you cut into the head of the costume. Alternatively, you could sew or glue some black netting fabric into the eye and mouth holes. To give Oscar the silvery shine that's described in the stories, you could use glitter hairspray, or just use shiny or glittery fabric instead of a sheet.

For a slightly different take on an Oscar the Ghost costume, you could put on a pretend suit of armour, just like Oscar does. Use face paint to make black circles around your eyes and over your eyelids, and then paint any exposed part of your face white.

How to dress up as Isadora's Magic Dragon

The magic dragon in *Isadora Moon Gets in Trouble* is pink, but dragons also often come in green and red colours. You can make dragon wings out of cardboard, and can even use the same downloadable pattern for Isadora Moon's wings above (www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/isadora-moon-activities).

Isadora's dragon also has little spikes on his head and down his back, as well as two pointy ears on his head. You could use sticky tape or glue to attach cardboard spikes to the back and hood of an old hooded top. You can cut the ears out of cardboard, paint them, and also attach them using sticky tape. If they won't stay up on their own, you could secure them to a hairband, or bend a wire coat-hanger to support them.

Lastly, Isadora's dragon has a paler-coloured stomach with lines across it, sort of like the underneath of a turtle's shell. You could draw lines straight onto your hooded top using a permanent marker or fabric pen, or draw the design onto a large sheet of coloured paper and then stick this onto the top.

How to dress up as Snow Boy or Snow Girl

If you have some white clothes already, then turning yourself into a Snow Boy or Snow Girl will be easy. Start by dressing in head-to-toe white things – don't forget white gloves too! You will then need to attach four 'pieces of coal' to the front of your top. You could use sticky tape with balled up pieces of black paper, or you could stitch on four black pom-poms. Paint your face white using appropriate face paints, and finish with a white, grey or silver wig or temporary hair dye.

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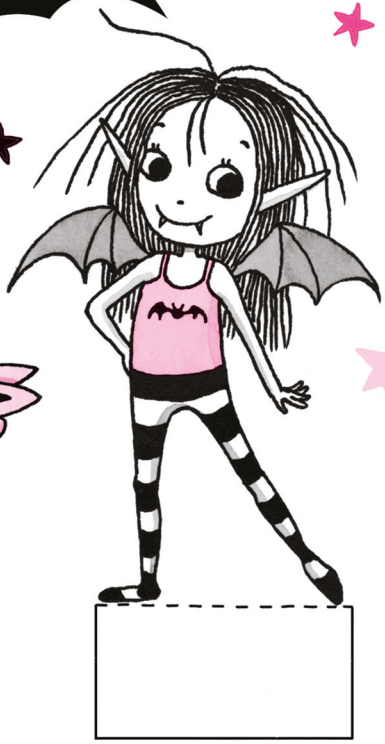
1. Print out on card or print out on paper and stick paper to card.
2. Cut out Isadora Moon and bend tab along dotted line to make her stand up.
3. Cut out the clothes and use blue tack to stick them to her body!



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