

## **Service offered by Penny of Arabesque**

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Please note that no responsibility can be accepted by Red Hat Salsa for any problems regarding shoes bought through Arabesque

Arabesque offers a wide range of shoes from basic to fancy! They can source most any shoe for you so if you have something specific in mind please talk to them.

They stock a range of different sizes and styles to give you an idea of the shoe you might like and are happy to give advice and help you find the right shoe.

Shoes are ordered in for you, delivery normally takes 2-4 weeks. A 50% deposit is required on ordering, cash or cheque. When shoes come in they will ring you and arrange to meet you at your next Red Hat Salsa class and deliver your shoes to you. If you are happy with your shoes pay the remainder in cash and start enjoying them! If your shoes don't fit they will happily reorder a new size for you.

Below are details of some of their shoes.

## **The Most Popular Shoes Offered by Arabesque**

### ***For Ladies and Gentlemen***

#### **Jazz shoe £25**

0.5 inch heel. Very flexible. Available in black or white leather with suede sole.

+ allows great foot movement.

+ Once worn in fits like a glove! Tip – wear at home with a pair of thick sock over the top to help the shoe mould to your foot.

- offers very little support
- offers no protection from errant heels!

#### **Jazz sneaker £48.50**

0.5 inch heel. Available in black leather or nubuck (similar to suede). 2 styles available – first similar to regular trainer second comes part way up round the ankle to protect and support ankle bones but still allows movement as it is slightly cut away at the back of the ankle. Smooth pu sole that is pretty good for turning.

+ gives better support than a jazz shoe

+ gives more protection than a jazz shoe

+ built in shock absorbancy

- pu sole but due to the design of the shoe a suede sole can easily be added

### ***Ladies only!***

#### **The flex £52.99**

This really is a shoe like no other and has to be worn to be believed! The Ultimate in comfort and style! The very latest dance shoe, not yet released on the general UK market.

Unique pattern combines the stretch and comfort of a jazz shoe with the classic look and feel of a character shoe. Combination leather and Neoprene upper, flared 2 inch heel, suede sole. Relatively good air cushioning for shock absorbency. Buckle to do up but due to 2 way flex on fastening you only have to do it up once and can then slide your foot in.

+ Comfortable! Gives support and allows movement

+ Unique design means shoe moves with your foot as opposed to ON your foot = no blisters on heels!!

+ Neoprene fits like a glove to wide or narrow foot

- + Most every size available so no guess work on size involved!
- Shoe comes in black only. However if you want it jazzed up Arabesque can add crystals, ask Penny for a sample!

### **Character shoe £21.50**

Available in black only. 1 inch heel or 2 inch Cuban heel option. Shoe is made of Black canvas with a suede sole. Fastens with a popper and elastic strap. The strap is pink elastic but you can colour it with a black permanent marker!

- + Comfortable shoe that gives good support
- + Cheap!
- Not good for a wide foot

### **Showgirl style character shoe £37.95**

Upper full grain leather with a scored leather sole and finished with Cambrella lining which adds breathability and some cushioning.

- + Perfect if you like a solid shoe with good support and little flexibility
- Solid shoe that moves on foot and can rub heels and cause blisters if you are prone to heel blisters avoid this shoe and go for the Flex!
- Scored leather sole gives reasonable turning if you want an easier turn add a suede sole.

### **Ballroom shoes from £49.99**

Arabesque also offer a range of ballroom shoes. These are made specifically for dance and vary from practice shoes (usually more of a boot style) to glittery pretty shoes. The catalogues are very comprehensive and offer a choice of heel heights and widths. Shoes are also available in a wide range of finishes – from leather to nubuck to glittery fabric.

### ***Gentlemen only!***

### **Ballroom shoes £50-65**

Arabesque also offer a range of ballroom shoes for gentlemen. Most look like a regular shoe but have the suede sole. The general recommendation is a 1.5 inch heel which may seem a bit scary to men, but is recommended as it places more of your weight forward on to the ball of the foot and gives a little extra height which makes dancing with a taller lady easier.