

## **Springs Oasis Belly Dance**

Student Troupe “Baharat Sharqi” (Oriental Spice)

Basic First Costume 2011

Use these costume guidelines to create (make, buy or both) your first costume to perform with Baharat Sharqi. Everyone uses the same base & colors, but otherwise the materials, shapes and embellishments are all different.

### **Bra & Belt**

- Red & gold – everyone uses the same colors, but the
- Can cover a sturdy bra with fabric, trim and coins or beads
- Buy a set (see belly dance vendors list on my web site)
- Coin hip scarf works, too!

### **Choli or Shrug**

Here are two options to wear with your bra top:

- A black open back choli (crop top with open back,  $\frac{3}{4}$  length or full sleeves, ties in back behind the neck and bra line). You can wear your bra over this. If you do, please cover your bra straps with fabric and/or trim so it doesn't just look like a bra strap.
- Black front tie vest-like choli: This is a crop top with long sleeves ( $\frac{3}{4}$  or full length) that goes over your bra in the back and ties underneath your in the front – like a vest - in the front. LRose Designs sells a really nice one might be better fitting: (<http://www.lrosedesigns.com/products/tietop.html> \$30). A local seamstress makes them for about \$20 too – just ask Barb.

### **Straight Black Skirt**

This should be made from a stretch crushed velvet with a side slit – one of the easiest costume pieces to make, but a local seamstress makes them for about \$20.

