# Welcome to Dreamlight Activewear's Custom Design Workshop Help Center

The new 2012 Custom Design Workshop has been completely updated with a new look and layout. The new features give you even more control over your custom design. The Custom Design Workshop can be used to customize any of our current leotard or warm-up styles. The Custom Design Workshop allows you to select the type of fabric and the color of that fabric for any of the area combinations of that design. You can add custom features to your design by adding crystals, using the drawing tools and add text with the text tools. The new features are noted in each area of the detailed information.

Basic instructions will appear in the yellow box in the middle of the Custom Design Workshop to guide you through a simple design. The design options are broken down into these five panels: Style & Fabric Information, Crystal Information, Text & Drawing Tools, Design Information and Send Email.

When the Custom Design Workshop first opens only the Style & Fabric Information panel is available. As you will notice some of the features have been disabled or are not visible, they will be enabled or become visible only when that option is available for the style you have selected. Some of the features are only available after you have completed the steps needed to make that feature work (ie. the Send Email button will only appear after you have saved your drawing). This is to help keep you from selecting something too soon or help keep you from undesirable results with your design.

Below is a screen capture of the Custom Design Workshop in action (only the basic features are shown here).
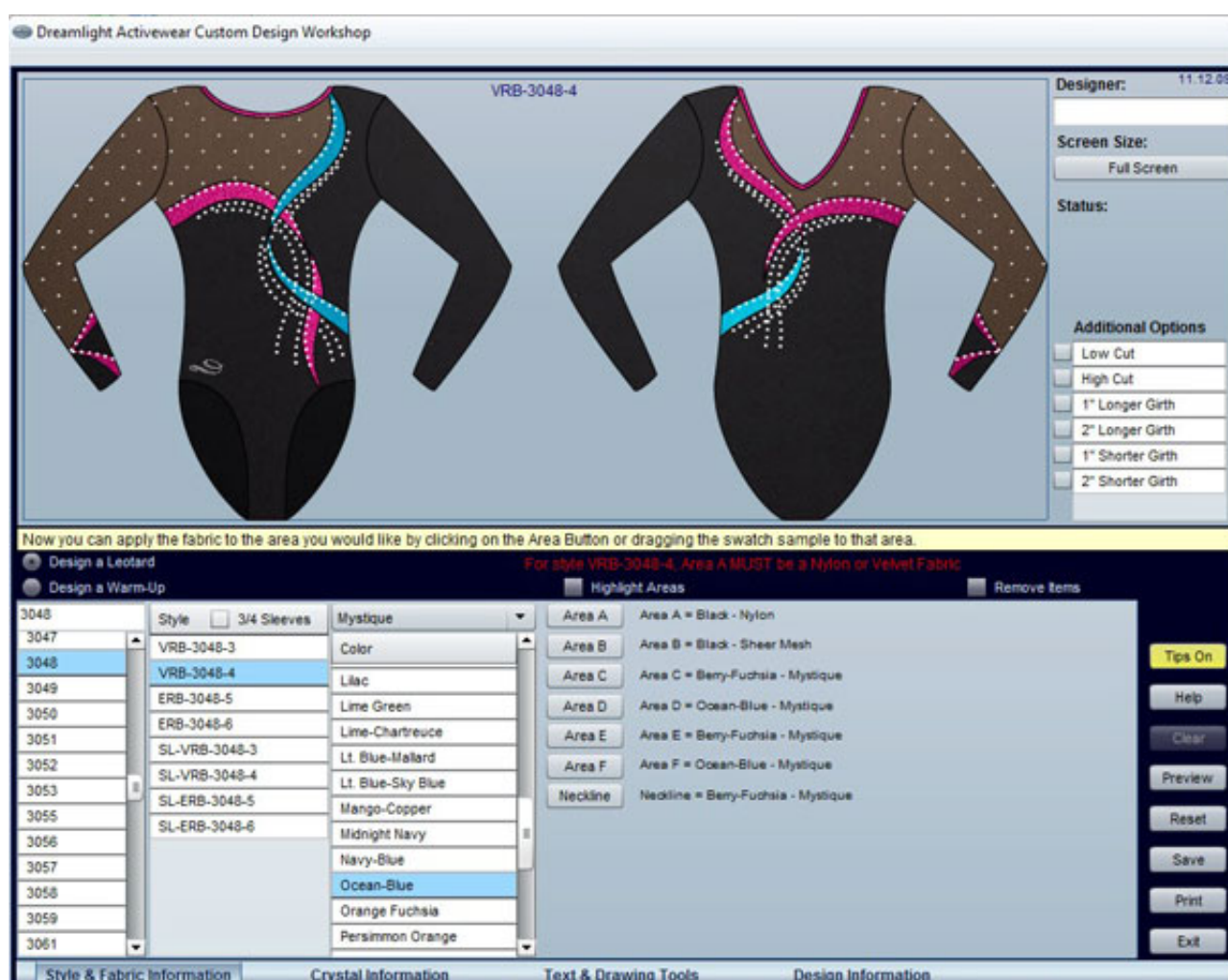
Getting Started

Designer, Screen Size, Tips, Help, Preview, Clear, Reset, Save, Print, Exit

If you would like, you can enter your name or team name in the Designer field to personalize your custom design when you choose to save or print your final design (this is optional).

If you have a larger screen and would like the Custom Design Workshop to be larger you can change the screen size to full screen by clicking on the Full Screen button, switch back by pressing your escape button or clicking on the Normal Screen button.

The Custom Design Workshop has a tips feature that you can turn on or off by clicking on the Tips button (the default setting is On). This feature will give you little tool tips for many of the different items on the Custom Design Workshop. This comes in handy when trying to select items in the design area.

When you save or print your design it will list the style you selected and the Design Information. Clicking on the Preview button will show you what your final design will look like (everything in the white area will be part of your image). Click on the Clear button to clear the preview image. The Clear button will only be enabled after you preview your image.

You can reset your design at any time by clicking on the Reset button (not to be confused with the Reset button on the Control Panels). This will clear all selected fabrics, style information, drawings, crystals and text that was added to the design. Your style number will still be selected but you will need to select the style again.

When you have finished with your design you can click on the Save button, this will save a copy of your design. After you save the image you will be given the option to view the image or download a copy to your computer. To view your image in a new browser window click on the link labeled: "Image saved as: Dreamlight Style ..." or you can download your image by clicking on "Click Here To Download".

** If you can not view or download your image click on the Reset File Permissions button located above the Additional Options list and try again.

After you save your image you have the option to email us your image if you would like more information about your design. Simply click on the Send Email Button and fill in all the required fields and click on Send. Your message will be sent to our Team Sales Department along with a copy of your design and information.

You also can just click on the Print button and print a copy of your design. For printing, the size of the image printed will be determined by the width of the paper, for a larger image you can set the paper orientation of your printer to landscape mode. You can click on the Exit button at any time to close the Custom Design Workshop.

Selecting A Design
To start select either Design a Leotard (by default Design a Leotard is selected) or Design a Warm-Up to load the current style numbers.

Selecting A Style Number & Style
You have two options for selecting the style number you want to design.
1. If you know the style number of the Leotard or Warm-Up you want to design just type in the style number in the space provided above the Style Number List and hit enter to load the Style List.
2. If you don't know the style number of the Leotard or Warm-Up you want to customize you can scroll through the Style Number List provided on the bottom left until you see a style you want. Click on the Style Number to load the Style List.
Remember that only the current styles are listed, if you are looking for an older design you need to contact one of our Sales Representatives.

When you select or enter the style number you want, a list of all the current styles for that style number will be generated in the Style List and the basic style design will be placed in the Design Area (the image will not be visible until you select a style from the Style List).

Select the style you want to customize from the Style List by clicking on the style. The style will now appear in the Design Area and the appropriate Area Buttons will be visible.

Style Information

As you will notice the styles start with either an N, V or E (N for Nylon, V for Velvet and E for Effects Fabric, ie: NPSF-3000-1, VPSF-3000-2 and EPSF-3000-3). Our newer styles will start with either a V or E (in this case, V is for Nylon or Velvet and E for Effects Fabric, ie: VRB-3048-3 and ERB-3048-5). This indicates the type of fabric that is used for Area A of that style. Once you select a style you will see a reminder above the Area buttons for the type of fabric to select for Area A.

Most of the leotard styles have three variations: long sleeve, 3/4 length sleeves and sleeveless. The styles beginning with SL are sleeveless, for 3/4 length sleeves, select the long sleeve style and check the 3/4 Sleeves checkbox.

NEW All of the leotards have the additional options: Low Cut, High Cut, 1" Longer Girth, 2" Longer Girth, 1" Shorter Girth and 2" Shorter Girth. You can select these options but you will not notice the difference in the design but the information will show up in the Design Information panel. The Warm-up Jackets have the additional options: Crystal Zipper, 2" Longer Length, Hood Option 1, Hood Option 2 and Stand-Up Collar. There a few selected styles that have the option for Band for Waist & Cuffs and Pockets. To add one of these options select the checkbox for the option from the Additional Options area that appears to the right of the Design Area.

Locating Areas

All of the styles are broken down into different areas with fabric options for each area. There are several different ways to identify the areas for each style.

The easiest way to determine the areas is to turn the Tips Button on and move your mouse over the different areas of the style in the Design Area and it will show the area name.

Another way to determine the areas is to check the Highlight Areas checkbox located above the Area buttons. When you check this you can place your mouse over the area buttons and it will highlight the area on the style (the highlight color will not stay or change the look of any fabric you may already have selected in any areas).

Selecting Fabrics

Selecting Fabric Type

Once you've selected the style you want, it's time to select the fabrics you would like to have. To select the type of fabric you want, click on the fabric selection drop down list (Nylon is selected by default, when you click on the drop down menu to select the fabric type the color list will disappear until you select a new fabric type). This will list all the currently available types of fabric you can choose from. Simply click on the type of fabric you would like. Once you have selected the type of fabric you want, a list of all the available colors for that fabric will be listed in the Fabric Color List. You can view the different fabrics and samples in the Team Catalog pages (88 - 90) on the web site.

Selecting Fabric Color

You can scroll through the list of the currently available colors for the fabric type you've selected in the Fabric Color List. Once you have selected your desired fabric color, a Swatch sample will appear above the list showing you the color you've selected (the actual color may vary slightly due to your monitor or printer settings, you can contact our sales department or use the online request form and request swatch samples of the fabrics you would like).

Applying Selected Fabrics

There are three ways you can apply the fabric, the Area buttons, the Swatch sample or by clicking on the area.
1. To apply the fabric with the area buttons simply click on the button for the desired area you wish to apply the fabric.
2. To apply the fabric with the Swatch, click on the swatch sample (holding the left mouse button down) and drag it to the area you wish and release the mouse (the swatch will disappear) and the fabric will be placed in that area (if the area has more than one part the

fabric will be placed in all of the area parts).

3. To apply the fabric to the area parts, select the fabric and just click on that area part. If the area does not have separate parts it will apply the fabric to all of the area.

You can change the fabric by simply selecting a different fabric and applying it to the area or you can clear and reset all the fabric selections by clicking on the Reset button or by selecting a different style number from the list. When you click on a style number from the list, all the fabric settings will be reset, so print or save your design for future reference.

** If you choose to select a different fabric color for different parts of an area (ie. Area C 2) please make note of it in your message if you send an email.

Optional Features

Crystal Information Panel

Many of the styles offer Crystal Accents which will be listed on the Crystal Information panel, these styles will have the available options listed under Available Crystal Options. To apply an option simply click on that option and it will be added to your design.

If you would like to remove the option check the Clear Option checkbox under the Select Pattern list and click on the option you want to remove. You can also remove parts of the option by clicking on the part listed in the Applied Crystal Options list on the right and clicking the clear button on the panel.

All the Crystal options (Sprinkles, Outlines, Sprays, Patterns, etc.) for every style are broken down into front, back, left and right areas to make customizing your design easier. This will allow you to remove or change colors without applying it to all of the Crystals.

You also have the option to add crystal patterns to any design.
You can select one from the list of all our current crystal patterns from the Pattern List. Patterns with an F, B, C or S (ie: 030F, 030B, 030C, 030S) indicate the location for that pattern (F-Front, B-Back, C-Cuff, S-Sleeve). Some of the patterns have been broken down into individual parts (left side, right side, front or back, ie: 004C Left-F is the 004C pattern for the left front sleeve) to make adding them to your design easier. You can select a pattern from the list on the left and view a sample of the pattern in the Pattern Preview area (the patterns that have been broken down will show you the whole pattern).

All of our Leotards and Warm-Ups come with the D Logo on them, you can add the logo to the design by clicking on the D Logo button and positioning it in the location you choose by clicking on the L or R (L - left side, R - right side, as you are wearing the Leotard or Warm-Up) below the D Logo.

When you select a pattern from the list or the D logo, the Add button will turn red, when you see the crystal pattern you want in the Pattern Preview area you can add it to the Design Area by clicking on the Add button. When you add a pattern to the design it will put it in a general location on the design, you can then click on the pattern and drag it into the position you want (be sure that the Control Panel Information area indicates what you want is selected). Once you have the pattern in the location you want click on the Apply button to apply the pattern.

You can flip a pattern horizontally by clicking the Invert/Flip button. You can resize the pattern to fit in the area you want by clicking on the Larger button or the Smaller button to adjust the size. When you resize the pattern it is done by a 1% difference up or down and the Current Size is indicated for a reference only. (Remember that this is only a simulation to show the design and location of the crystal patterns and the actual size of the pattern may vary).

If the fabrics you have selected are dark or you have trouble seeing the Crystals, you can change the color of the Crystals so they will be easier to see. Click on the actual pattern in the Design Area or select one of the Crystal areas by selecting it from the Applied Crystal Options list. When you select a Crystal area it will be indicated in the Control Panel Information area. Once selected you have the option to clear/remove the Crystals or select the color for those crystals only by clicking on the color selector and clicking on the desired color. You can repeat the process for all the crystal areas you want to change. (Again, remember that the actual color of the crystals will be determined by the Crystals you choose and not the color shown here).

When you click on a crystal pattern the Add button will turn red and the active element (crystals) will be listed in the Control Panel Information area. Clicking the Add button will only add the currently selected crystals to the Design Area. When you add the crystals to the Design Area the Add button will change back and the Apply button will turn red.

Once you have added the crystals to the Design Area you can move, rotate, resize and change the color of the crystals. After you have made all the changes you want, you MUST click on the Apply button for the changes to be saved.

To move the desired crystals, click on the actual crystals you want to move in the Design Area (having the Tips on will make it easier to know where to click, the Control Panel Information area will indicate what is currently selected). You have two choices for moving the text or crystals, you can click on it with your mouse and drag it into position or you can check the Move checkbox and either use your keyboard arrow keys or click on the arrow keys to move it.

If you want to rotate the crystals click the Rotate checkbox (be sure the Move checkbox is not checked or it will move and rotate) and select the angle (1°, 5° or 10°) you want to rotate by (the rotation angle is also the distance for moving the object). To rotate the crystals use the up or down arrow on your keyboard or the up or down arrow keys on the Panel to rotate it. The Current Angle of the crystals will change as you rotate the crystals indicating the angle of the crystals.

WARNING: Anytime the Apply button turns red the currently selected crystals and/or any changes that you made have not been applied and clicking anywhere in the Design Area may delete the crystals and/or any changes.

You can clear any of the crystals from the Design Area by simply clicking on the text or crystals (be sure the item you want to remove is listed in the Control Panel Information area) or select it in the Applied Crystal Options list and click on the Clear button on the Panel.

You can clear any of the crystals from the Design Area by simply clicking on the text or crystals (be sure the item you want to remove is listed in the Control Panel Information area) or select it in the Applied Crystal Options list and click on the Clear button on the Panel.

You can clear all crystals from the Design Area by clicking the Reset button on the Control Panel. The Reset button will also set the crystals tools back to the default settings.

Text & Drawing Tools
You have the option to add text, select the size, color and font for your own customized text to your design. To access this feature, click on the Text & Drawing Tools button on the bottom. This will open the Text & Drawing Tools Panel with the text tools on it.

You can add the text you want by typing it in the input box on the Text Control Panel. The text is limited to one line so if you want multiple lines you will have to add them separately. When you type the text in, the Add button will turn red, when your done typing in the text click the Add button. This will add the text to the center of the Design Area and the Apply button will turn red.

Once you have added the text you can change the size, color, font and location of the text. To change the location of the text click on the actual text in the Design Area with your mouse (be sure that the Control Panel Information area indicates what you want is selected) and drag it to where you want to place it. To change the font simply click on the checkbox next to the font you want to use (at this time we only use Block, Pristina and Cursive script lettering, contact us if you require other options). You can change the color of the text by clicking on the color selector and selecting the color you want. To change the size of the text click on the + or - button below Text Size, this will increase or decrease the size of the text. The size of the text is indicated between the buttons for reference if you wish to add more text (the text size shown here is for a reference only and does not indicate the actual size).

Once you have the text into position click the Apply button to apply the text. You can add as much text as you like. If you want to change any existing text simply click on the actual text in the Design Area, the Selected Text will be shown in the control panel information area. You can change the text or any of the attributes for the text. When you are finished with the changes click the Apply button to apply the changes. You can clear any text in the Design Area by clicking on the text in the Design Area and then clicking on the Clear button.

When you type in text the Add button will turn red and the active element (text) will be listed in the Control Panel Information area. Clicking the Add button will only add the currently selected text to the Design Area. When you add the text to the Design Area the Add button will change back and the Apply button will turn red.

Once you have added the text to the Design Area you can move, rotate, resize and change the color of the text. After you have made all the changes you want, you MUST click on the Apply button for the changes to be saved.

To move the desired text, click on the actual text you want to move in the Design Area (having the Tips on will make it easier to know where to click, the Control Panel Information area will indicate what is currently selected). You have two choices for moving the text, you can click on it with your mouse and drag it into position or you can check the Move checkbox and either use your keyboard arrow keys or click on the arrow keys on the Control Panel to move it.

If you want to rotate the text click the Rotate checkbox (be sure the Move checkbox is not checked) and select the angle (1°, 5° or 10°) you want to rotate by (the rotation angle is also the distance for moving the object). To rotate the text use the up or down arrow on your keyboard or the up or down arrow keys on the Control Panel to rotate it. The Current Angle of the text will change as you rotate the text to indicating the angle of the text.

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You can clear any text from the Design Area by simply clicking on the text (be sure the item you want to remove is listed in the Control Panel Information area) and click on the Clear button on the Control Panel.

You can clear all text from the Design Area by clicking the Reset button on the Control Panel. The Reset button will also set the text tools back to the default settings.

Drawing Tools

You have the added option of being able to draw on your Leo or Warm-Up to add your own logo, design or to add other information. To access the drawing tools simply click on the cup with the pen in it located on the Text & Drawing Tools panel.

You can select to use one of the three different types of cursors to use for drawing, the default Arrow cursor, a Cross Hair cursor (comes in handy for placing dots) or the Pen cursor. The cursor will only change when it is located in the Design Area.

The tools on the Drawing Control Panel will allow you to draw lines or dots, change the thickness and color for both and to move or erase any of the lines or dots.

Select Draw Dot or Draw Line, then set the line thickness or dot size (the higher the number the thicker/larger the line/dot). To select the color, simply click on the Color Selector and select the color you want or you can get the color from some point of your design by clicking on the Get Color button and move the cursor to the color (the Color Selector will change to the color under the cursor) and click on it.

When you move your mouse into the Design Area your cursor will change to the selected cursor and you can draw anywhere inside the Design Area. You can change between line or dot, the size and color without affecting what you have already drawn at anytime. Every time you draw a line or dot you create a new item in the Design Area. You can move the lines or dots by selecting Move, then click on the line or dot you want to move (again having the Tips on will make it easier to know where to click) then click on it again and hold the left mouse button down and drag it to where you want it.

You can erase a line or dot by selecting Erase and then click on the individual line or dot you want to erase. You can also erase everything that was drawn by clicking the Erase All button, be aware that this will erase EVERYTHING you have drawn (but will not affect the style design, fabrics, crystals or text). Once you have finished drawing just click on the empty cup to put the pen back.

For the best experience your monitor screen resolution should be set to 1024 by 768 or higher. Remember that this is only a simulation of what the actual leotard/warm-up will look like. Even though the fabric images are from the actual fabrics, the actual color and texture of the fabric will vary slightly according to your screen and/or printer. You can contact a sales representative for actual fabric swatch samples.

Comments, suggestions or problems with the Custom Design Workshop or website can be sent here.

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