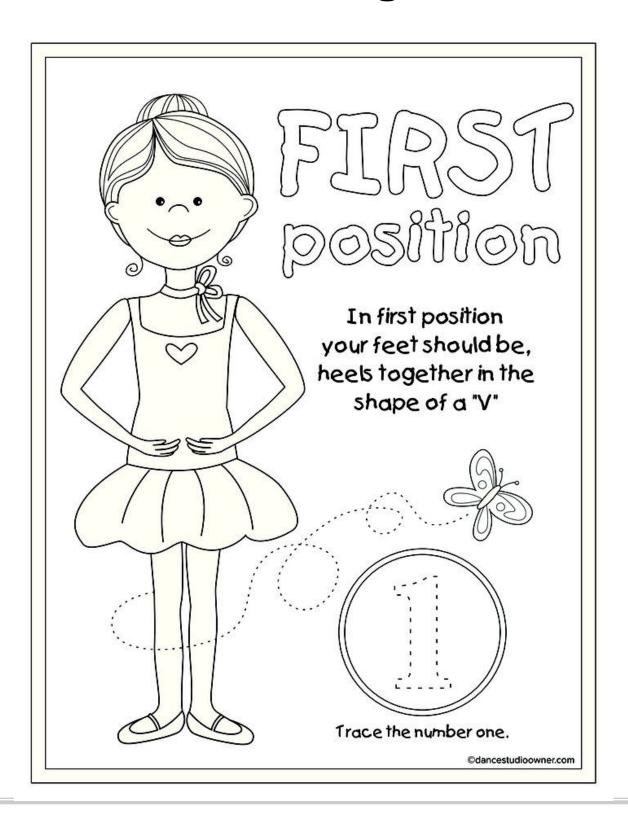
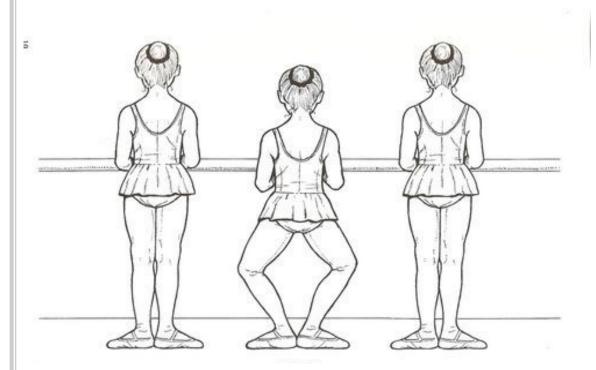
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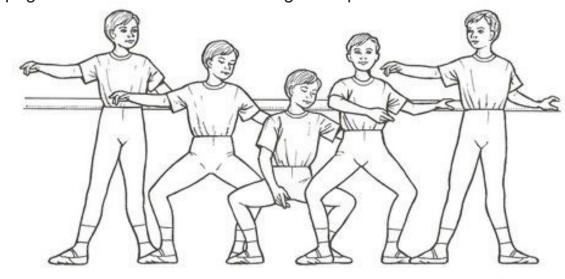
#### Plié: to bend

A smooth and continuous bending of the knees outward, while maintaining the ballet position with your feet, turn out of the legs, and with the upper body held upright. Heels stay on the floor in demi-plié.



#### **Grande Plié**

Is a deeper bending of the knees outward, while maintaining the ballet position with your feet, turn out of the legs, and with the upper body held upright. Heels come off the floor in grande plié.



#### Relevé: to rise

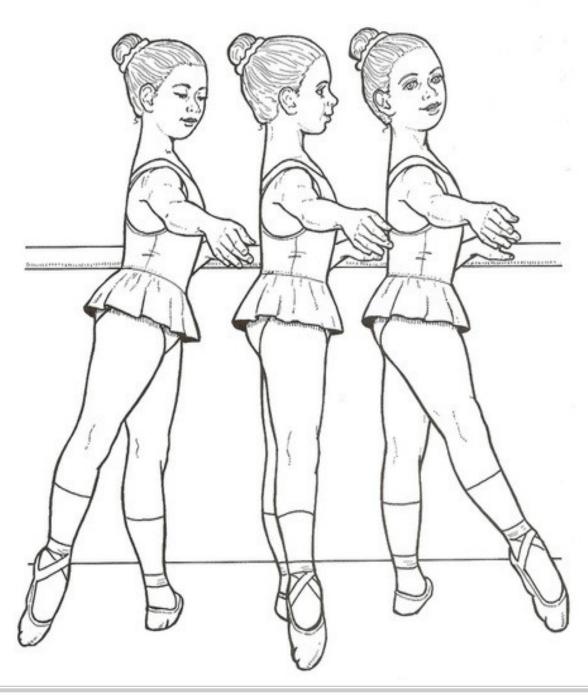
Demi-pointe: Rising onto the balls of your feet.

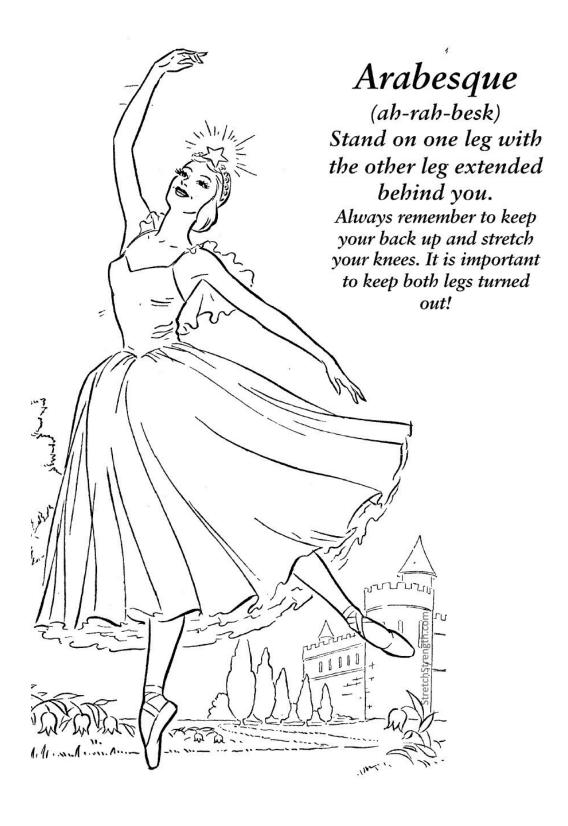
En Pointe: Rising onto your toes.



**Tendu:** to stretch

Gradually extending the working leg to the front, side, or back, passing from flat to demi-pointe to point where only the toes are touching the floor.





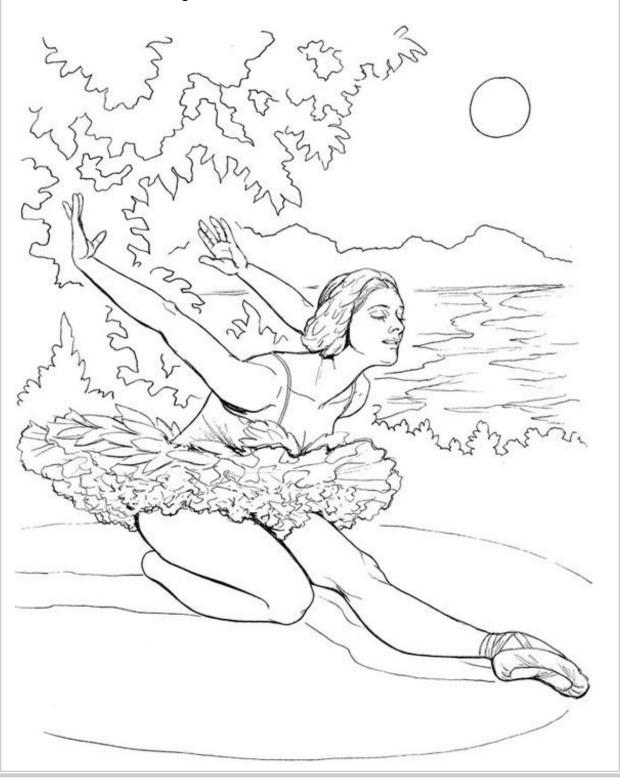


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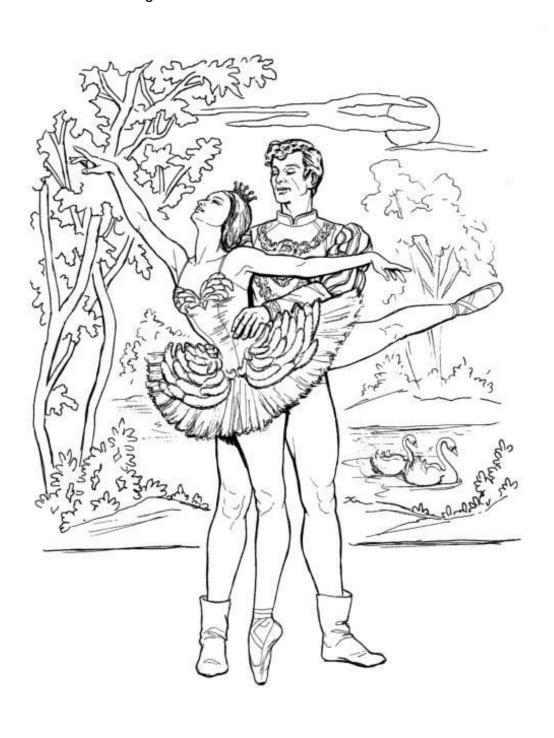
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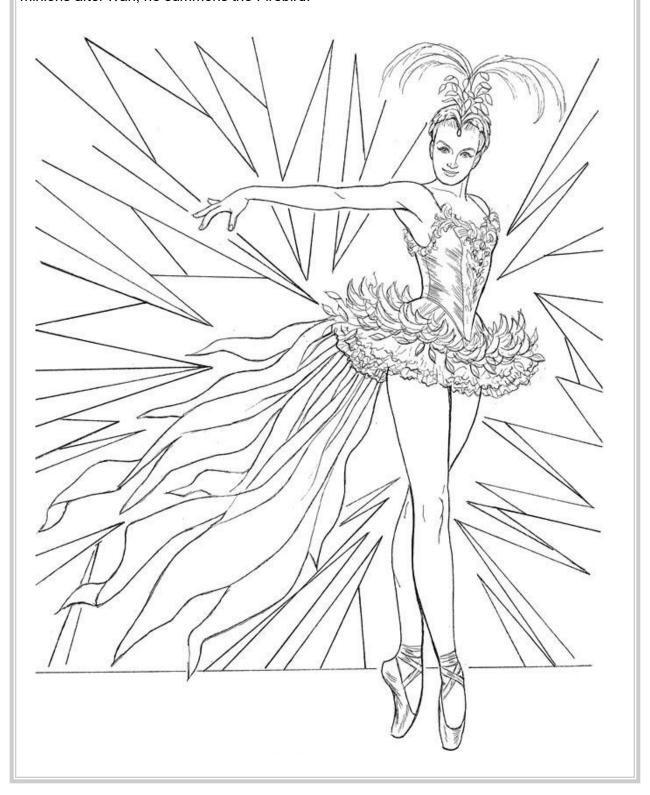
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# La Sylphide

La Sylphide is a classical ballet that tells the story of a young Scottish farmer, James, who, on the eve of their wedding, abandons his betrothed, Effie, after being enticed away to the forest by the ethereal Sylphide of the title. But when the Sylphide dies and Effie marries another, James is left tragically alone.



## The Nutcracker

This classical ballet tells the story of a young girl named Clara, who receives a magical present, the Nutcracker, on Christmas Eve. The present comes to life that night and leads Clara on an exciting adventure that includes a battle with the mouse king, a journey through the land of snow and a visit with the Sugar Plum Fairy in the land of sweets.

