

## Feather Fan Resources

If you're in the market to purchase feather fans, there are plenty of options!

From fuzzy marabou hand fans to sumptuously grand "Sally Rand" style ostrich tipped, collapsible or not.

Or...if you're a DIY'er, make your own, or customize fans to match your style.

Common feather fan sizes range from "15 to 60"+ and prices from \$10 to \$1,000+ (avg \$200-\$500) depending on size and quality. Consider what you want to conceal and how. There are many options beyond the few here.

Below are resources I've used with success.

**ebayDOTcom**: a keyword search of "burlesque feather fans" brings up hundreds of results. Larger fans start around \$75 each.

**fancyfeatherDOTcom**: THE place for great quality boas, fans, feathers and accessories. They'll custom dye too! Feather fan kits are available here, and Cindy is super helpful.

**flofoxworthyDOTcom**: New Zealand's showgirl costumier extraordinaire. When I was looking for a video to help me reconstruct my fans, I came across her fan assembly blog post first, which lead to browsing her website. Her fan staves are elegantly sculptured and can be accented with 30ss rhinestones. Even with the NZ dollar exchange rate, pricing for the kit is about average.

**wholesalefeathersDOTnet**: Online store for W.W. Swalef and Son. They require a \$100 minimum purchase and sell wholesale only. Ostrich, turkey, peacock feather and more are here. The 20"+ ostrich feathers are sold by the pound (about 100) or half pound (about 50). \*Note - if you're making a double layer 12-stave fan, you'll need at least 48 feathers\*. If you not sure of a color, give them a call and they'll send a snipping of a color sample feather. Great service, too.

Below are resources I've not used, but may be useful.

**coppertealDOTcom**: Ms. Copperteal was a vendor I met at the Burlesque Hall of Fame Weekender in 2012. She's a spunky lady who designs and sells non-collapsible fans and fan kits. I really liked her pieces. Check out the demo videos on her page!

**etsyDOTcom**: like with ebay, keyword searches will find you any and everything for fans in a range of prices. I do want to mention the metal fan staves made by seller/fellow performer Donna Touch (DonnaTouchBurlesque on etsy). I'm putting these on my wish list!

Happy fanning!  
Lola LeSoleil



BurlyCon 2012 Guinness World Record: World's Largest Fan Dance: 252

Participants pictured from left:  
Bunny Wigglebottom, Lola LeSoleil, Rena LaMarr,  
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