

HAIRSPRAY CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

AMBER VON TUSSLE

Speaking, singing and dancing

Link's girlfriend and Tracy's nemesis. She is girly, shallow and snobby. Can't really dance but is expected to win Miss Baltimore Hairspray. Always feels the need to be the centre of attention.

CORNY COLLINS

Speaking, singing and dancing

The charismatic host of the Corny Collins' Show. Good looking and smooth talking, he is a genuinely nice guy both on and off camera.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Singing and dancing

Corny Collins' Kids (TV show dancers) aka 'the popular kids'. TAMMY, BRAD, FENDER, BRENDA, SKETCH, SHELLEY, IQ and LOU-ANN.

EDNA TURNBLAD

Speaking and singing

Tracy's big and blonde mother. She is a working housewife who has lost her confidence and dream to be a plus-size clothing designer. Boisterous and commanding. Played by a male in drag.

LINK LARKIN

Speaking, singing and dancing

The star heartthrob on Corny Collins' show. He is extremely attractive and talented. Hoping to get his big break with a recording contract, he unexpectedly falls for Tracy.

LITTLE INEZ

Speaking, singing and dancing

Daughter of Motormouth Maybelle and little sister to Seaweed. Very talented dancer and has big dreams to one day be part of the *Corny Collins Show*. With Tracy's help she gets her turn in the spotlight, helping to integrate TV forever!

MOTORMOUTH MAYBELLE

Speaking and singing

Seaweed and Little Inez's mother, she also appears as the Guest DJ on the Corny Collin's Negro Day show. Big, blonde, beautiful and proud of it. She is sassy and confident.

MR. PINKY

Speaking

Eccentric owner of *Mr. Pinky's Hefty Hideaway* who gives Tracy and Edna a makeover.

PENNY PINGLETON

Speaking and singing

Tracy's best friend and dorky sidekick. Not the brightest girl, but she has good intentions. Bursting to get free of her mother's dominating control, She falls for Seaweed with childlike curiosity.

PRUDY PINGLETON

Speaking

Penny's strict mother. Very conservative, controlling, and closed minded.

SEAWEED J. STUBBS

Speaking, singing and dancing

Tracy's classmate and friend, who is discriminated against due to his skin colour. He is cocky but surprisingly lovable. Talented in song and dance. He falls for Penny.

THE DYNAMITES

Singing and dancing

Negro Day talented and vibrant singers on the Corny Collin's show: JUDINE, KAMILAH and SHAYNA.

TRACY TURNBLAD

Speaking, singing and dancing

Our story's unsuspecting protagonist, she is large and in charge. Confident, talented, and incredibly determined. A romantic with a good heart and desire to cut up the dance floor. Always on top of the latest trends.

VELMA VON TUSSLE

Speaking and singing

Amber's mother and the director of Corny Collin's show. She is a devious taskmaster and snobby. The former Miss Baltimore Crabs will go to any length to ensure her daughter is the next big thing.

WILBUR TURNBLAD

Speaking and singing

Tracy's simpleminded and kind father. He owns a joke shop and supports his daughter in spite of everything else. He also loves his wife, Edna, very much.

+ SEVERAL FEATURED SPEAKING ROLES

GYM TEACHER, SPRITZER, MATRON, GILBERT, STOOIE, CINDY, LORRAINE, DUANE and THAD