

## Starting Pointe

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Plié, chasse, jeté! Hello, my name is Isabelle Naiser. I live in Pearland, TX. I am 11 years old. I am a dancer, and this is my starting pointe. Let's go back when I was 9 years old when my life took a turn. A painful but amazing turn. It was December 27, 2016 1:45 p.m. I'm getting excited, too excited. 2:00 p.m. stuck in the car for 45 minutes. Now you're probably dying to know what's going on (maybe you're not dying, but I am because I know what is happening!) Okay, the big reveal, I'm getting pointe shoes or toe shoes as you may know them. (You know those shoes with ribbons, made out of cardboard, where you dance on your toes???)

4:44 p.m. I've tried on like 400 pairs of pointe shoes and still haven't found the one (You know, the ones that you put on and your hear voices singing, "Aaaaahhhhhh!!!!") 5:00 p.m. I found the pair, that pair, "the pair," or so I thought at least. Oh, I forgot to mention I have a twin sister who is also getting pointe shoes and of course if you are a dancer you know, every time you go to a dance store you go crazy and get a bunch of other stuff you don't need. After we purchase our pointe shoes and stuff I go to my instructor's studio to get my pointe shoes approved, and also to get the ribbons and elastic sewn onto my pointe shoes.

It's Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. now and I get my pointe shoes on and think I'm ready to do class in my pointe shoes. Then my teacher tells me this, "You're not starting pointe today." I turn into a ball of tears. I felt so sad inside. So I did my class in ballet shoes (I cried through the whole class). On the bright side, I did get to go to Wendy's to get a vanilla frosty. Then comes Saturday where I have another pointe class with a different teacher. I get to do pointe!!!! I only get to do pointe for 15 minutes then I take them off. Oh my gosh, I didn't feel sad anymore. I felt so happy like I had never felt before!!! I had to ice my feet after class, but that was the most amazing experience ever!!! I'm Isabelle Naiser and this is my turning pointe!