

Tips and Ideas for Dressing for the Stage Door Canteen

Women's Fashion

1930's

The 1930s are a forgotten, in-between decade, of fashion and economic turmoil. Often lumped in with the 1920s or 1940s the fashions of the thirties are truly one of a kind. There isn't a 20th century fashion decade that embodied femininity in women and masculinity in men like clothing of the 1930s. From bias cut dresses or broad shouldered suits for men, 1930s style clothing is a unique style that has revived in recent years. Think Old Hollywood glamour.

Web Resources

- <http://www.retrovaste.com/1930s/fashion-in-the-1930s/>
- <http://vintagedancer.com/1930s/women-1930s-fashion/>



1940 's

1940s were a decade many countries around the world can not forget. With the second world war and clothing rationing the war time pride of fashion on a budget became the norm. 1940s fashion for men and women experienced deep changes but also created some of the most flattering designs of the 20th century.

1940s fashion has wide padded shoulders, nipped in high waist tops, and a-line skirts that came down to the knee. 1940s fashions were all about exaggerating the hour glass figure with broad shoulders, tiny waists and full hips. Sleeves were often puffed up a bit with gathers at the top and extended down to just above the elbow. Evening dresses were spaghetti strapped or halter topped that revealed shoulders and chests but only mild cleavage. Pants or trousers were primarily a men's wear item only



until the 1940s. Women working in factories needed safe clothing that wouldn't snag in machinery. At first women just wore mens' pants. Later manufactures made pants for women although they still looked very masculine. They were very **high waisted**, button or zippered down the side, and had full legs with wide cuffs at the bottom. They were made of cotton, denim or wool blends.

Web Resources

- <http://vintagedancer.com/1940s/what-did-women-wear-in-the-1940s/>
- <http://www.marieclaire.co.uk/fashion/1940s-fashion-the-decade-captured-in-40-incredible-pictures-108160>
- <https://bellatory.com/fashion-industry/Fashion-History-Design-Trends-of-the-1040s>

Used Clothing and Accessories Stores

1. Kathys Upscale Resale Boutique - 716 Commercial Ave, Anacortes, WA 98221
2. Thrifty Kitty -1001 8th St. Anacortes, Wa 98221
3. Value Village - 525 E College Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273
4. Goodwill- 242 E College Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Male Fashion

1930's

Men's clothing was inspired by broad shouldered and thin waist athletes. Suits were wide, pants were wide and shirt collars were also large. Clothing was full of color and distinctive patterns. Plaids, checks, stripes mixed with solid colors. It was the era of men's classic clothing. You can dress yourself into the 1930s style with new vintage inspired clothing. The clothes linked here are some of the best options online. Choose a 1930s style suit or sportcoat, fedora hat, dress shirt, two tone shoes, and ties for a head to toe vintage fashion with the comfort of a modern fit.

Web Resources

- <http://www.retrowaste.com/1930s/fashion-in-the-1930s/>
- <http://vintagedancer.com/1930s/1930s-men/>



1940's

1940's clothing isn't too different from today's men's clothes. Single and double breasted **1940s men's suits** were still common as day wear. The pinstripe suit in navy or grey was the most iconic of the 1940s. Formal suits were brightened up with the velvet trimmed or white dinner jackets. Inner city youth added colorful zoot suits to their fashion wardrobe. Every man wore a felt Fedora or straw hat and a snazzy pair of two tone shoes.

You can get the 1940s men's fashion look using new clothing with vintage style. A pinstripe suit, fedora hat, and wingtip shoes are your essentials. Add a vintage pattern tie and pocket square to complete your day look. For 1940s swing dancers, skip the hot jacket and wear a colored shirt and suspenders instead.

Web Resources

- <http://vintagedancer.com/1940s/1940s-mens-clothing/>
- <http://www.retrowaste.com/1940s/fashion-in-the-1940s/>



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1. North Star Embroidery- 718 Commercial Ave, Anacortes, WA 98221

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3. Goodwill- 242 E College Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Female Attire

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