

Viking Man's Dress

High status Viking men sometimes wore bright colours. Cloth could be dyed blue using a plant dye made from woad, or from indigo which was imported. It was expensive to make.

Viking men also wore clothes of purple, brown, yellow, and red.

A woollen cloak was rectangular in shape. It was sometimes lined and was fasten with a pin or penannular brooch. It could be trimmed with braid or lined.

Vikings also made waterproof clothes. They were made from skins and treated with beeswax and fish oil.

Trousers were baggy or tight. They were tied or belted at the waist. They were made of wool.

Wool wraps were sometimes worn over the trousers below the knee.



Men wore caps made of wool, sheepskin, leather, or fur, or woollen hoods.

An over tunic of wool was about knee length and belted. It was worn with a plain linen tunic underneath. The over tunic was frequently trimmed with a decorative braid around the cuffs, hem and neckline.

The narrow belt was made of leather. It had a metal buckle and strap end, which could be decorated.

Bags, swords, knives and other items were hung from the belt using leather ties

Both men and women wore rings.

Woollen socks were worn under shoes or boots.

Shoes were usually ankle high and made of leather or goat skin. They were fastened with buckles or leather ties.

Colour in the Viking man. Is he a high status man or less well off?