

Viking Woman's Dress

A Viking's clothes and jewellery reflected their status.

Vikings made their clothes from wool, linen, fur, leather, and silk (for the very wealthy).

Women and children spun yarn from wool and wove it into cloth. They dyed it with dyes made from plants. They could make red, brown, light brown, yellow, blue, and ochre dyes.

Clothes, fabrics and jewellery were also acquired through trade and raids (including brightly coloured silks).

Rich people wore fine clothes and jewels. Poor people often made brooches from bone.

Women wore an underdress made of wool or linen, and a woollen overdress.

Woollen socks were worn in cold weather.



Women may have worn a hat or a linen head scarf.

Brooches were of bronze, silver or gold were used to fasten clothes.

Women wore a pair of brooches to fasten their tunics. They slung beads between them.

Sometimes they hung chains from their brooches to hold combs, keys and other things. Beads were amber or coloured glass.

Belts were leather and had metal ends and buckles.

Both men and women wore rings of gold and silver.

Shoes or boots were often made of goat skin. They were fastened with leather strips.

Rich people had fur lined shoes or boots for winter.

Colour this Viking Woman's clothes in colours you think a rich woman would have worn.