

Dressing up day ideas

Pirates

So you're having an Pirate dressing up day? Don't panic! Even if you've forgotten about it until 8pm the night before, you can still manage to whip up a costume with some simple items in your house. There's no need for any buying or sewing!

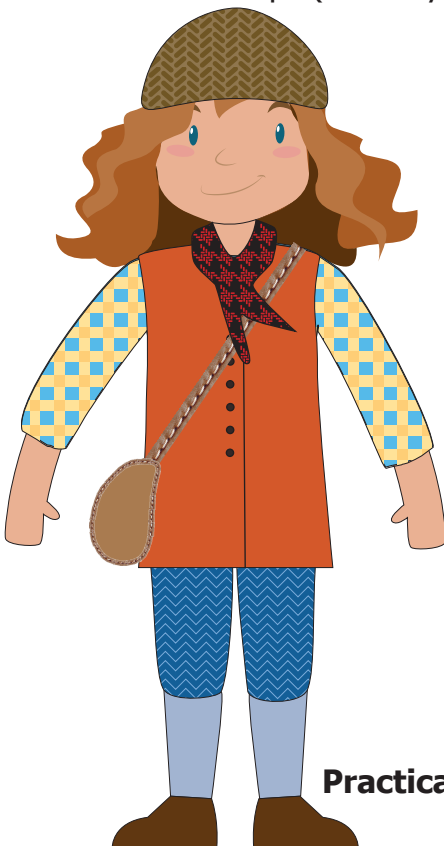
Everyone knows what a Pirate looks like, right? Well, yes and no. You don't need to amputate a leg or tame a parrot to look like a real pirate, nor do you need to be Johnny Depp!

Pirates came from all backgrounds but a lot of them were originally unemployed sailors. They wore similar clothes to what they would have worn if they were ordinary sailors but then added things that they had stolen, or bought with their ill-gotten gains!

In Elizabethan times there were strict laws about what colours and types of clothing you could wear depending on your status. Pirates loved to flaunt these laws so bright colours and expensive fabrics like silks and velvets were very popular.

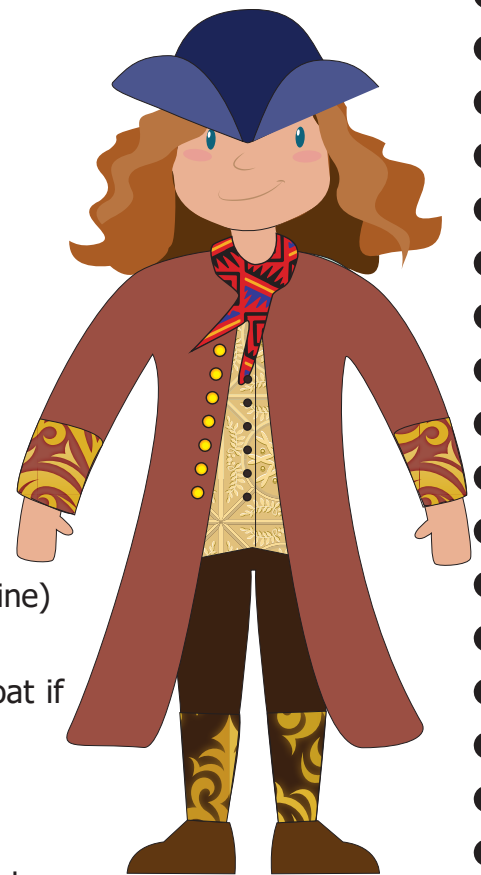
To dress like a pirate you could wear:

- Shirts - puffed sleeves can be made by wearing an oversized shirt and buttoning the wrists up tight.
- Colours and patterns - Pirates used their clothes to show off how rich and successful they were.
- Bandana - to keep the sweat out of the pirate's eyes
- Tri-cornered hat (patterns for paper ones can be found online) or knitted caps (basically a bobble hat without the bobble)



Practical clothes for sailing

- Long coat
- Trousers or shorts
- Stockings (knee length socks are fine)
- Waistcoat
- Wide leather belt over the waistcoat if desired
- Neckerchief in a bright colour
- Leather shoes with a shiny buckle
- Accessories like a leather or cloth bag to keep your swag in
- Jewellery like gold hoop earrings and lots of rings



Fancy clothes for showing off on land!

