



## DRESSING UP DAY IDEAS

# PIRATES

So you're having a dressing-up day?

You can whip up a costume with some simple items from home:

Pirates came from all backgrounds but a lot of them were originally 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 on-line) or a beanie (basically a bobble hat without the bobble)



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

**Practical clothes for sailing**



**Fancy clothes for showing off on land!**