

The Vintage Paper Doll Book of 20th Century Fashion

Introduction

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of fashion, the ethics of fashion production, and the role that technology is playing in shaping the future of fashion.

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This book is a must-have for anyone who loves fashion, history, or culture. It is also a valuable resource for students, researchers, and anyone who wants to learn more about the world of fashion.

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Chapter 1: Fashion Through the Decades

1. The Roaring Twenties

The 1920s was a time of great change and upheaval. The First World War had just ended, and the world was eager to embrace a new era of peace and prosperity. This optimism was reflected in the fashion of the time, which was characterized by a sense of freedom and liberation.

Women's fashion in the 1920s was particularly radical. The long, restrictive skirts of the Victorian era were replaced by shorter, more revealing hemlines. Dresses were often made of lightweight fabrics, such as silk and chiffon, and they were adorned with intricate beading and embroidery. Women also began to wear their hair short, in a style that was known as the "bob."

Men's fashion in the 1920s was also more relaxed and informal than it had been in previous decades. Men

began to wear suits made of lighter fabrics, such as linen and cotton. They also began to wear more colorful shirts and ties.

The 1920s was also a time of great innovation in fashion design. Coco Chanel was one of the most influential designers of the decade. She is credited with popularizing the little black dress, the Chanel suit, and the pearls that are still associated with her name today.

Another influential designer of the 1920s was Elsa Schiaparelli. Schiaparelli was known for her bold and avant-garde designs. She was the first designer to use shocking pink in her collections, and she also experimented with new materials, such as plastic and metal.

The 1920s was a decade of glamour and excess. It was a time when people wanted to forget the horrors of war and embrace the joys of life. Fashion played a major role in this cultural shift, and it helped to define the decade in a way that is still remembered today.

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2. The Swinging Sixties

The 1960s was a time of great social and cultural change, and fashion reflected this. The old rules were thrown out the window, and anything went. Women wore miniskirts, bell-bottoms, and psychedelic prints. Men grew their hair long and wore colorful shirts and flared pants. Fashion was all about expressing your individuality and making a statement.

One of the most iconic fashion trends of the 1960s was the miniskirt. This short, above-the-knee skirt was a symbol of rebellion and liberation. It was worn by women of all ages and social classes, and it quickly became a must-have item in every fashionista's wardrobe.

Another popular trend of the 1960s was the bell-bottom pant. These flared pants were worn by both men and

women, and they came in a variety of colors and patterns. Bell-bottoms were often paired with platform shoes, which added even more height and drama to the look.

Psychedelic prints were also all the rage in the 1960s. These bold, colorful prints were inspired by the psychedelic art movement, and they were often used on clothing, accessories, and home décor. Psychedelic prints were a way to express your creativity and make a statement.

Fashion in the 1960s was all about having fun and expressing yourself. There were no rules, and anything went. This was a time of great change and upheaval, and fashion reflected this. The 1960s was a decade of liberation and self-expression, and fashion played a big role in this.

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3. The Groovy Seventies

The 1970s were a time of great change and upheaval, both in the world and in fashion. The Vietnam War was winding down, the civil rights movement was gaining momentum, and the women's liberation movement was in full swing. These social and political changes were reflected in the fashion of the time, which was characterized by a sense of freedom and individuality.

One of the most iconic fashion trends of the 1970s was the rise of the hippie look. Hippies rejected the materialism and conformity of the 1950s and 1960s, and they embraced a more natural and relaxed style of dress. They wore long hair, colorful clothing, and tie-dye shirts. They also popularized the use of beads, headbands, and other accessories.

Another popular fashion trend of the 1970s was the disco look. Disco was a new kind of music that was characterized by its fast tempo and catchy beats. It quickly became popular in nightclubs and dance halls, and it inspired a new style of dress. Disco fashion was all about glamour and glitz. Women wore sequined dresses, platform shoes, and big hair. Men wore flared pants, ruffled shirts, and wide lapels.

In addition to these two major trends, the 1970s also saw the rise of several other fashion trends, including the preppy look, the punk look, and the bohemian look. The preppy look was characterized by its clean lines and classic silhouettes. The punk look was characterized by its rebellious and edgy style. The bohemian look was characterized by its eclectic and free-spirited style.

The 1970s was a decade of great fashion diversity, and it is still a popular source of inspiration for fashion designers today.

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