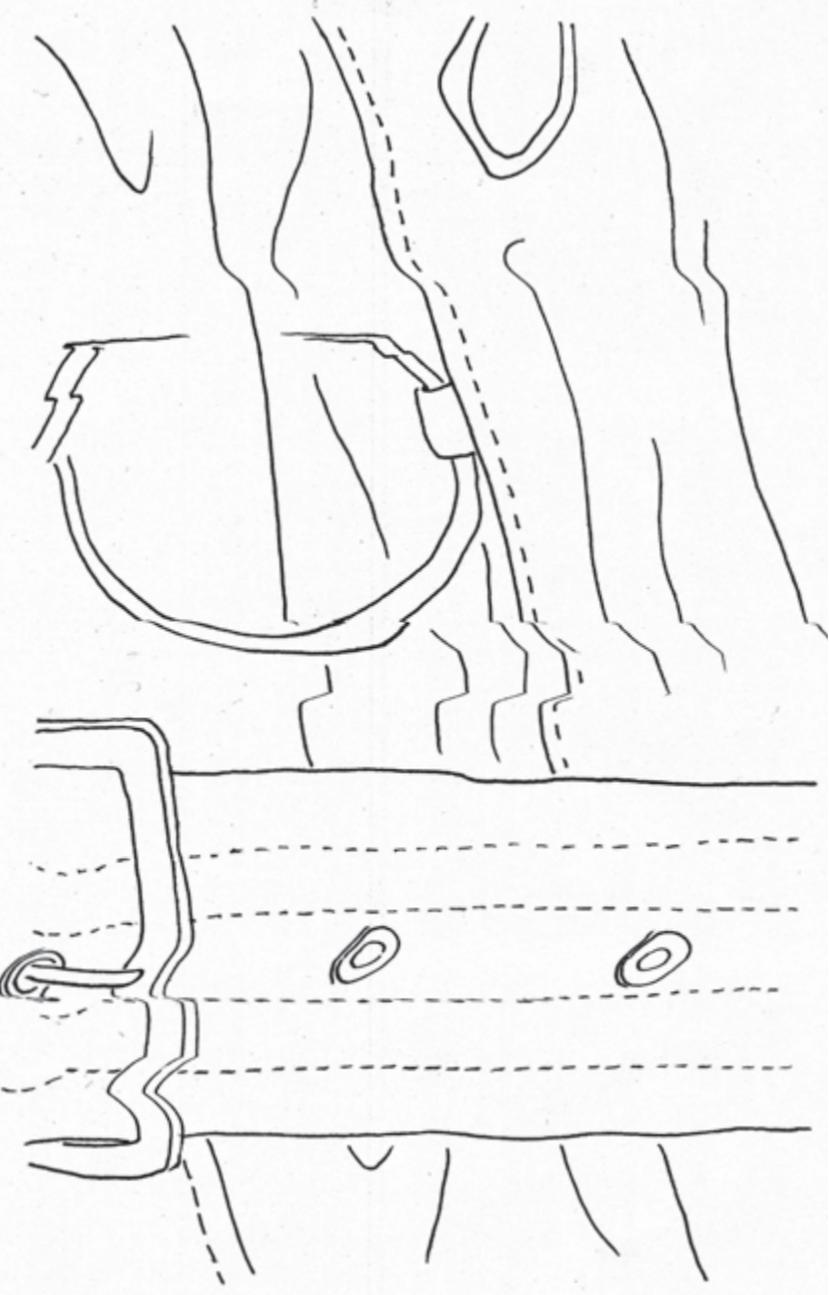


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LET'S GO!

Welcome to the Fashion & Lace Museum!

Today, you will visit Masculinities, an exhibition entirely dedicated to men's fashion. What garments and accessories can be found in a man's wardrobe? How do men dress nowadays?

Follow the trail covering the designs of extraordinary fashion designers to find out all about it.

TIP:

If you can't find all the answers, ask a museum attendant to help you!



A RESPECTABLE

Find this 1870 black gentleman's suit! All later and current suits are inspired by these older models, which appeared about 250 years ago. A suit is usually dark and consists of a pair of trousers, a jacket and sometimes a waistcoat in the same colour, fabric and style.

Why do you think a man wears this kind of suit?

- 1. He wants to appear serious, because he has a job and responsibilities.*
- 2. He wears this suit because he doesn't have a lot of money.*
- 3. He wants a suit that he can wear when he does magic tricks.*

Do you know anyone who has a suit like this in the wardrobe? What colour is the suit and when will he wear it?

MAN

COME ON!

ACCESSORIES

THE

ADVENTURER

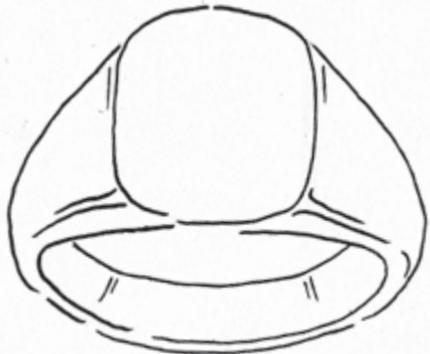
Go to the glass case displaying male accessories. One of them is the signet ring!

This is a ring with initials or a family crest engraved on it. It was designed so men could sign documents! First, beeswax was heated until a little melted over the document. Then the ring was pressed firmly onto the document so the image made an imprint in the wax.

Take a closer look at the signet ring and describe what is depicted on it!



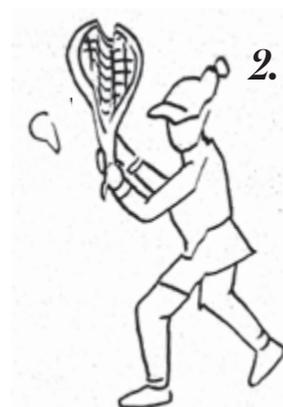
Now draw your own initials (the first letter of your first name and your surname) on this signet ring:



Men don't just wear made-to-measure suits. Sometimes they wear cool clothes too!



What sporting activity do you think these short boots are worn for? Link them to the right activity:



THE SKIRT

Women wear trousers, but as for men who wear skirts or dresses... we don't see these very often! However, in some African or Asian cultures, men do wear garments that resemble dresses.

In which European country or region do men wear skirts like these for certain occasions? Tick the correct answer.

- 1. *Belgium*
- 2. *Scotland*
- 3. *Italy*

And what do you think about a boy who wears a skirt?

- 1. *cute*
- 2. *inappropriate*
- 3. *funny*
- 4. *handsome*
- 5. *strange*

Multiple answers are possible!

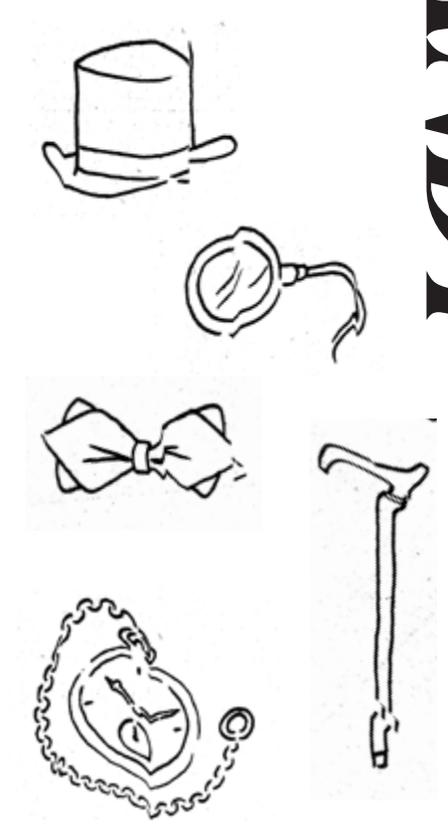


THE

DANDY

The dandy is an extremely elegant man who pays a lot of attention to a well-groomed appearance. In order to be fully in tune with the fashion of the 1800s, men had to adopt a dandy look. This trend first appeared in England.

Find this silhouette in this room!



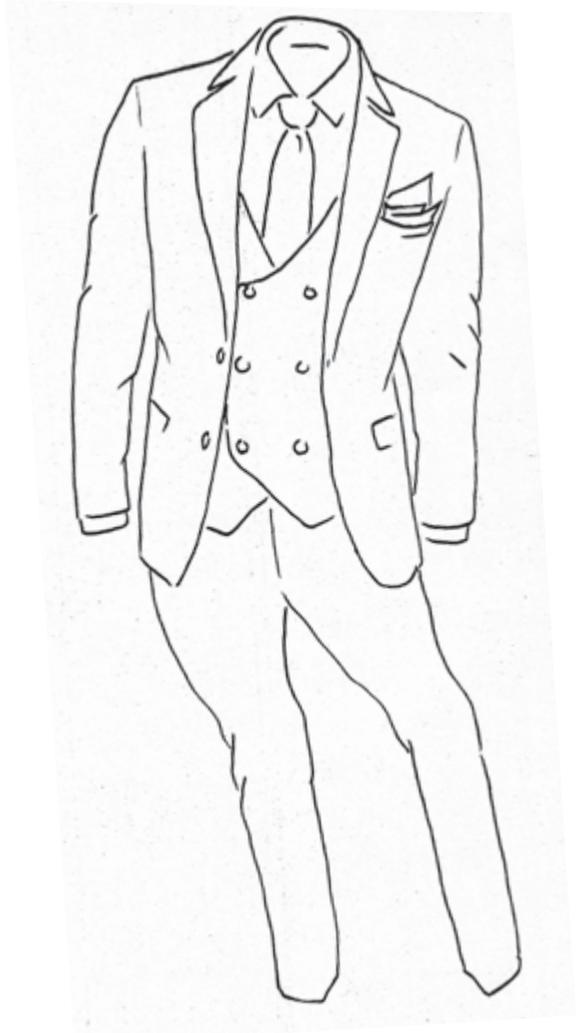
How would you make this outfit even more elegant? Circle the accessories you would contribute.

THE MAN WITH

A PEACOCK

Since the 1800s the clothes men used to wear were often sober and serious. In the 1960s they once again started to add more colour and decoration to their outfits! They were called "peacock men", in reference to the peacock's bright colours.

Be inspired by the other examples and draw attractive decorations on this garment!



BOYS WANNA

This garment and all the others beside it were made by Walter Van Beirendonck. This Belgian fashion designer likes to use fluorescent colours, slogans and images from comics and fantasy worlds.

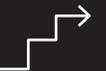


Which animal can you find on the upper part of this sweater?

HAVERNON



MANAS



BOYS

In the 1970s, young people started wearing clothes that were a bit too big. They often wore hooded sweaters covered with a lot of logos. This was a gangster-style, because as a criminal it's easier to hide (your identity) if you wear a hood! This inspired the creations of fashion designers and some even started to design sports shoes.

Now write your own slogan on this sweater!
For instance:

“FASHION, ...NOT FOR ME”

or

“MUSEUMS ARE GREAT!”



BAD

GENDER-

Some shops don't even bother separating men's and women's clothing. We call this gender-neutral clothing because it can be worn by anyone.

What do you think of this? Can boys and girls wear the same clothes? Link these garments to these gender symbols.

female symbol

transgender symbol

male symbol

gender neutral symbol

NEUTRAL FASHION

NOW GO TO THE LAST PART OF THE EXHIBITION!



LET'S CREATE!

You can dress up a David figure with items of clothing. Then put your head through the hole, take a fun selfie and show yourself to other visitors!

You can also use collage techniques to create “new men” or express your own opinion on certain propositions!

Have you visited the Lace Room on the ground floor yet? Then turn the book over and begin another treasure hunt!



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