

A Gallery of Extravagance: Explore the Enchanting World of Late 17th Century Costume

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the opulent world of late 17th century fashion. Our captivating gallery showcases an exquisite collection of garments that embody the extravagance and elegance of the era. From the lavish velvets and silks of the nobility to the intricate lace and embroidery of the courtiers, each piece tells a captivating story of fashion, culture, and social hierarchy.



Gallery of Late-Seventeenth-Century Costume: 100 Engravings (Dover Fashion and Costumes)

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Unveiling the Wardrobe of the Elite

Enter the opulent bours of the upper classes and discover the elaborate wardrobes that defined their public and private lives. Women of high rank adorned themselves in shimmering gowns crafted from the finest fabrics,

their bodices adorned with intricate embroidery and dripping with pearls and lace. The men of the court matched their female counterparts in grandeur, their tailored suits and embroidered waistcoats exuding wealth and power.

Admire the iconic "Fontange" headdress, a towering masterpiece of lace and wire that framed the faces of fashionable women. Accessories played a vital role, with fans, gloves, and jewelry completing the ensemble. Each detail was carefully chosen to reflect the wearer's status and fashion sense.

Courtly Splendor: The Art of Adornment

Step into the grand halls of royal palaces and witness the dazzling array of garments worn by courtiers. Elaborate costumes served as symbols of power and hierarchy, reflecting the intricate social structure of the time. Men and women alike displayed their wealth and influence through ornate fabrics, shimmering embellishments, and grand accessories.

Discover the sumptuous robes of French courtiers, their rich colors and intricate embroidery mirroring the splendor of the court of Louis XIV. Marvel at the delicate lacework and floral motifs that adorned the dresses of Dutch patricians, showcasing the intricate craftsmanship of the era.

Tracing the Evolution of Trends

Our gallery chronicles the evolution of fashion trends that shaped the late 17th century. Witness the transition from the stiff formality of the early years to the more playful and elegant styles that emerged towards the end of the century. As influences from across Europe converged, new styles and silhouettes emerged, enriching the tapestry of fashion.

Explore the influence of the Dutch Golden Age on the development of lace and linen garments. Discover how Spanish court fashion inspired the adoption of elaborate embroidery and opulent fabrics. Trace the rise of the periwig and the growing popularity of waistcoats as fashion statements.

A Legacy of Style and Inspiration

The Gallery of Late Seventeenth Century Costume serves as a testament to the unparalleled artistry and craftsmanship of the era. Each garment is a masterpiece, a frozen moment in time that captures the essence of a bygone fashion era. These exquisite pieces continue to inspire designers and costume historians alike, bridging the gap between past and present.

Whether you are a fashion enthusiast, a history buff, or simply someone who appreciates the beauty of exquisite craftsmanship, our gallery offers a captivating journey through the opulent world of late 17th century costume. Immerse yourself in the grandeur and elegance of the era, and discover the enduring legacy of fashion that continues to inspire and fascinate.



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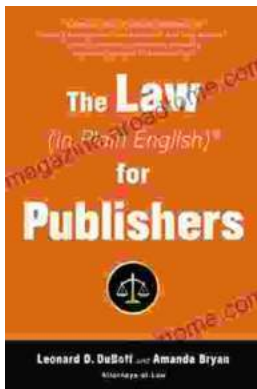
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