

# LARP COSTUME GUIDE: QUICK TIPS

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## WHAT WOULD YOUR CHARACTER WEAR?

Once you've made your character, stay true to them and wear something that makes sense for their personality, profession, skills, etc. (*Example: If you're a stealthy and sneaky thief, you wouldn't wear full plate armor.*) A good place to start is on a website like Pinterest where you can make an inspiration board for your character.

## RESEARCH

At the same time that your creating an inspiration board for you character you should also be researching. Learn about the time period your LARP is set in to find out what kinds of fabrics and colors were used. (*Fabrics like wool and linen were common in medieval times.*) Do any research you can into all of your options of LARP gear suppliers and/or learn how to make the things you want.

## THRIFT STORES

Never underestimate what you can find at a thrift store. If you're willing to put in the time to look with an open mind and the time to make adjustments, you can make an entire costume out of thrift store finds.

## MAKE IT FUNCTIONAL.

You're going to be out in the elements, battling, embarking in political intrigue, and traveling through the woods, make sure your costume isn't going to hold you back. Have what you need to carry your gear: pockets, pouches and frogs. Wear your costume around before the event, with all of your gear, to make sure it's comfortable and manageable. Remember that you'll be wearing this for hours.

## TREAT YOUR FEET WELL!

Make sure your shoes and whatever insoles you have are going to be kind to your feet, you're going to be on them a lot. (*Bring extra socks!*)

## AFFORDABILITY

Whether you make or buy your costume, LARPing can easily become an expensive hobby. However, you don't need to spend a lot of money to have a great LARP costume if you're willing to do some bargain hunting and up-cycling.

**REMEMBER, IT'S A COSTUME TO YOU, BUT IT'S YOUR CHARACTER'S CLOTHES.**

