



Shoes You Need Now

These classics will get you through every season in style.

Leather Boots

Uber-stylish and essential these days, especially for those who ride long distances.



Are you wearing... The Chanel boots? Yeah, I am.



Pattens

Fun and flirty, yet functional to keep your shoes from getting too dirty in the muddy streets. More height, less mud!



Slippers

The surcoat of shoes. Comfy and effortlessly cool.



Poulaines

The go-with-everything, leg-elongating staple of your wardrobe. Tip: tie up the toe to keep yourself from tripping.



Chess

Many people don't realize that the medieval world, with its castles, knights, and tournaments, was actually an era of warfare. It's no surprise that chess, a game of strategy and capture, was very popular with lords and ladies. Some of the goals of chess – capture the king, protect your queen – reflect this. And, in the heat of the moment, medieval chess could become a full contact sport! Think about THAT the next time you pull a Ruy Lopez!



Checkmate.
Play chess today!

Medieval Dos and Don'ts

It's not Vogue; it's Glamour.

Don't

Sun protection is smart, but this look is not good.



Do

Perfect height, perfect veil. Just perfect.



The Dos and Don'ts of... Wearing Hats, Medieval Style

Suddenly, everyone is wearing them! Practical, yes. But seriously, folks, let's not go over the top!



DO tuck your hair up under your hat. What bad hair day?



DO put on a jaunty hat with a feather. It's **always** a do.



DO wear big and bold. If it works, go for it!



DO accessorize to polish up your look.



DON'T pluck any hair because your hat sits too far back. Ouch!



DON'T sport the grim reaper look. That fad is dead.



DON'T go sky high. You want to be able to walk through doors!



DON'T turn yourself into an animal for the sake of fashion. Donkey ears, anyone?



Knights in Tights

Typical of the Middle Ages was the rivalry between men wearing long skirts, called surcoats, and those who preferred short skirts, or pourpoints. Surcoat wearers didn't like their legs getting cold or having a tight waistline to hold that short skirt up. Despite these objections, the pourpoint became the daily choice for fashionable medieval men. Guys particularly favored hose, including hauts-de-chausses, which went over the thighs, and bas-de-chausses, which were very tight fitting stockings. It was *very* trendy to have each leg a different color. Poulaines, which were shoes with long toes, were all the rage. The longer the toe, the better!

