

# Accessories

**T**HERE ARE many different types of accessories for women and men. In this E-unit you will learn about the most common ones for both women and men. You can change the look of your outfit just by changing the accessories. Once you learn about the different types of accessories, maybe you will want to try a new style of your own!



## Objective:



Describe accessories for women and men.

## Key Terms:



accessories  
belt  
glasses  
handbag

hat  
necktie  
jewelry  
scarf

shoe  
silk  
style  
wallet

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### ACCESSORIES FOR WOMEN

The entire look of an outfit can change with the accessories added. **Accessories** are additional pieces worn or carried by a person to enhance their clothing. Accessories can be added to an outfit to change the style. **Style** is specific and unique way of dressing. A woman may own a simple black dress, and by paring it with red high-heels and a bright scarf, the style is completely different that if she wears the same dress with canvas running shoes and a baseball cap. The most common accessories for women are shoes, handbags, scarves, hats, glasses, belts, and jewelry.

## Shoes

A **shoe** is a covering for the foot often secured with laces or a buckle. Although also utilitarian, shoes can change an outfit from casual to elegant. Examples of types of shoes are sandals, boots, and high-heels.

## Handbag

A **handbag** is a pouch, usually with handles, to carry personal items. A handbag can also be called a purse. Handbags can vary in size from a small clutch to a large duffle bag. Women often carry a handbag on their shoulder, wrist or in their hand.

## Scarf

A **scarf** is a piece of fabric worn around the neck. Scarves are often made of silk, knit fabric or woven fabric. **Silk** is a fabric made from the fiber of a silkworm. A scarf can be tied around the neck in several styles. It can also be worn as a belt or head covering.

## Hat

A **hat** is a head covering that is made out material that can be shaped. Some of the most common types of hats are baseball cap, beret, fedora, and visor.

## Glasses

**Glasses** are eyewear; a frame with lenses. Although many people need glasses to improve their eyesight, some people wear them for style only. The most popular frame styles include round, oval, cat eye, and wire-rimmed.

## Belt

A **belt** is a piece of leather or fabric that is worn around the waist. Belts are often used to hold up pants, but can also be just for looks. There have been times in fashion history were it was recommended to have the belt and shoes match.



## FURTHER EXPLORATION...

### ONLINE CONNECTION: Must Have Accessories for Women and Men

Are you wondering what the must have accessories are for women? Rachel Walker tells you the ten best in her video 10 MUST HAVE Accessories for Women. To learn more, access the video at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zq-\\_Aggi5is](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zq-_Aggi5is). And how about the must have accessories for men? Alex Costa explains in his video Accessories EVERY GUY NEEDS in 2019. To learn more, access the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBuNIIgpiBQ>

## Jewelry

**Jewelry** is ornamental pieces a person wears. When people first started wearing jewelry it was made from bone or animal teeth. Today jewelry is often made of metal such as silver or gold. The most common types of jewelry are necklaces, bracelets, and earrings.

## DESCRIBE ACCESSORIES FOR MEN

When choosing what accessories to wear, the environment must be taken into consideration. Accessories appropriate for work such as a necktie, might be too fancy for a soccer match. Likewise running shoes would usually be considered too casual to wear with a business suit. The most common men's accessories are necktie, wallet, hat, jewelry, belt, and shoes.

### Necktie

A **necktie** is a long thin piece of fabric that is worn around the neck under a shirt collar and tied in a knot close to the neck. The term necktie is often shortened to tie. Ties are frequently worn on more formal occasions.

### Wallet

A **wallet** is a small flat pocket-book used to carry personal items such as paper currency and credit cards. Men often carry a wallet in their pants pocket.

### Hat

Hats can help protect the head from cold or rainy weather, but they can also be added to an outfit to complete a look. The most common styles for men's hats are fedora, Panama, bowler, baseball cap, and newsboy.



FIGURE 1. Men can change the style by changing their accessories.

## Jewelry

The most frequently worn jewelry by men are rings, necklaces (sometimes called chains), and earrings.

### Belt

Belts are worn by men for the same reason as women, to hold up pants. But they also are used to complement an outfit. Men's belts are typically made of black or brown leather.

## Shoes

The most common types of shoes for men are running shoes, loafers, dress shoes, and sandals.

### Summary:



Now that you have learned about the many different types of accessories for women and men, you can feel more confident in trying new styles. You've learned about the most common accessories for women and for men. Just by changing your accessories, you can change the entire look of your outfit. Why not try a new style today!

### Checking Your Knowledge:



1. What is the definition of style?
2. What are examples of types of women's shoes?
3. What materials are women's scarves often made of?
4. What was the first jewelry made of?
5. What are the most common types of men's hats?

### Expanding Your Knowledge:



Are there any celebrities that you love the way they dress? How about some of your friends? Do they have style? Most likely it is in part due to the way they accessorize their outfits. Start to take notice of the accessories they wear and how it affects their style.

### Web Links:



**Accessories in fashion: An overview of the 30 most important accessories**

<https://sewguide.com/types-of-fashion-accessories/>

**Fashion Accessories**

<https://www.instyle.com/fashion/accessories>

**The Complete Guide to Men's Accessories**

<https://classymencollection.com/blogs/mens-fashion-guide/mens-accessories-complete-guide>