The Complete Illustrated Guide To 1940s Fashion For Men And Women

The 1940s were a time of great change and upheaval in the world. The Second World War had a profound impact on fashion, as women entered the workforce in large numbers and men went off to fight. This led to a number of changes in the way people dressed, both in terms of style and practicality.

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Shorter skirts: Skirts became shorter during the 1940s, as women began to wear them for work and other activities that required them to be able to move more freely.

- Wider shoulders: Shoulder pads were popular in the 1940s, as they helped to create a more masculine silhouette.
- Nipped-in waists: Waists were nipped in to create a more hourglass figure.
- Fuller skirts: Skirts were often fuller in the 1940s, as they were made from more fabric.
- **Simpler fabrics:** Fabrics were often simpler in the 1940s, as more luxurious fabrics were difficult to come by during the war.

Men's fashion in the 1940s was also characterized by a number of key trends, including:

- Wider lapels: Lapels on suits and jackets became wider in the 1940s.
- Padded shoulders: Shoulder pads were also popular in men's fashion in the 1940s.
- Longer jackets: Jackets were often longer in the 1940s, as they were designed to keep men warm in the winter.
- Trousers with cuffs: Trousers were often cuffed in the 1940s, as this was considered to be a more formal look.
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In addition to clothing, accessories were also an important part of fashion in the 1940s. Women often wore hats, gloves, and jewelry, while men often wore hats, ties, and pocket squares. Makeup was also popular in the 1940s, with women often wearing red lipstick and mascara. However, makeup was often more subtle than it is today.

The 1940s were a time of great change in fashion, as both men and women began to dress in a more practical and functional way. However, fashion was also used as a way to express individuality and style, and the trends of the 1940s continue to influence fashion today.

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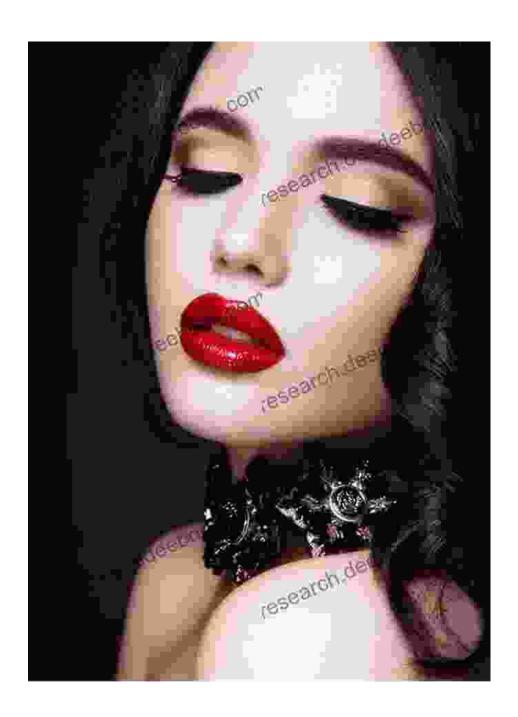
Below is a gallery of images of men's and women's fashion from the 1940s.





A woman wearing a dress with a nipped-in waist and a full skirt.





A woman wearing red lipstick and mascara.



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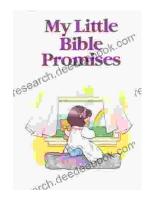
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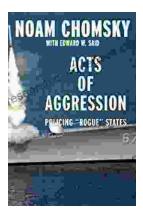
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