

How to get the 1920s look : Girls



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A Flapper

Know what a Flapper girl is. The dictionary defines a flapper as - "A young woman, especially one in the 1920s, who showed disdain for conventional dress and behavior." That is, conventional *in the 1920s*. The style came around after the first world war, and women were tired of trying to conform to society's idea of normal - women were gaining more independence (e.g. being given the vote), and the face of America was changing! Flappers were most commonly known for their dancing, drinking, smoking, wearing a lot of makeup, and a love of films. Almost all flappers had bobbed hair, dated frequently, and stopped wearing

their corsets (which were social norms in the 1910s.) *If you want more information, try going down to your local library, or try using resources such as Wikipedia. There are also several websites with information on Flappers*

Dress like a Flapper. Well, Flappers had a *very* distinctive dress sense - it was like nothing else around in the 1920s. Go out to your local clothes shops, boutiques, thrift stores and vintage stores, or click on eBay or a specialist vintage retailer, and try to find these items.

- **Dresses.** When buying dresses, look out for - dropped waistlines (VERY important to the Flapper style), plunging necklines, plunging backs, and sleeveless dresses. Material wise, go for beaded material, sequined material, and flowery material.
- **Stockings.** When wearing your stockings, roll them down to either above your knee or directly below, and wear chains instead of garters. If you are wearing silk stockings, try and find them with embroidered icons on them. No black stockings: go for silky natural colours.
- Long tight-fitting **shoulder-length satin gloves.** Their tightness will save you from having to pull them up every 5 minutes, which would be very annoying for you and maybe stop you from wearing long gloves in the future, which would be sad. To make sure that they will fit tight enough, choose gloves that have at least 15% spandex in the fabric. Longer gloves will also fall more slowly than short ones (i.e. elbow-length or shorter gloves).
- Cloche hats and feathered hats



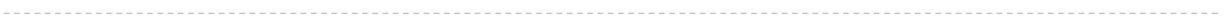
- Headbands, particularly feathered headbands
- Things with feathers and fringes/ feather boas
- Knee-length skirts, or those slightly below the knee
- Knit suits (skirt sets)
- Knitted sweaters
- Lace
- Long strands of pearls
- Raccoon coats
- Sleeveless shirts

Get some Flapper Glamour.

- Flappers wished to achieve the large, doe-eyed look. Wear smudgy, smoky eye-makeup. Finish with some dark mascara and false eyelashes, to really make a statement.
- This is possibly the most important part of the Flapper look - the lips! You'll want to have cupid-bow lips. Before you begin, make sure your lips are properly coated in foundation. There are two ways to create this look. The first is to take a red lip liner and draw two dramatic peaks on your top lip - don't fill these peaks in, however, nor the rest of your lips. Or, if you prefer, you could take a jar of lipstick, dip your thumb in, and rub it twice over each of your peaks (a lot of girls did this.) This is where your pouting practice will become useful - you'll look very silly with a big grin and cupid bow lips!

Get Flapper hair. Your flapper look will not be complete without Flapper hair. A Flapper's hair was extremely important. Ridiculously important. Flappers wore their hair in bobs. If you have straight hair, or hair straighteners, have a sleek and smooth bob. If you have curly hair, have a wild and unruly one! The choice of having a fringe, or "bangs", is completely up to you. If you have long hair, wear a flashy headband across your brow and tuck your hair up around and inside it.







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