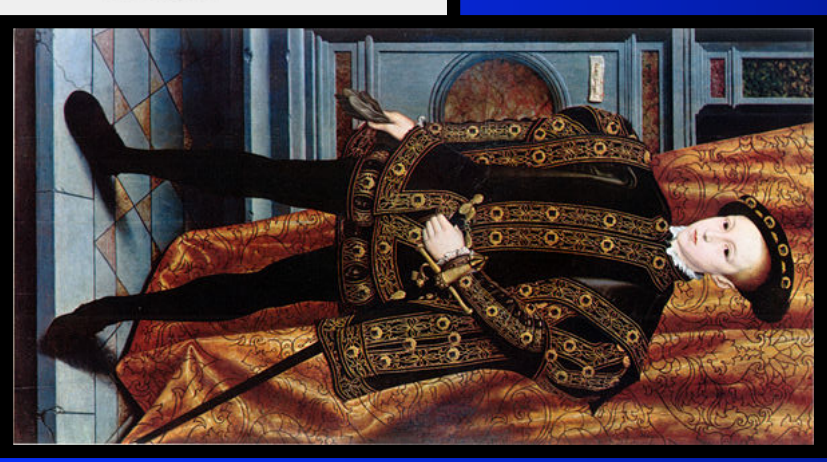


Woolies in Tudor Times



In Tudor times people wore very different clothes to clothes we wear today.

Today we can wear clothes made from **synthetic fabric** such as **nylon**, **polyester** and **acrylic**. These fabrics are made using **chemicals**. They are hard wearing and easy to wash.

Our clothes are easy to fasten, using **zips**, **poppers** and **velcro**.



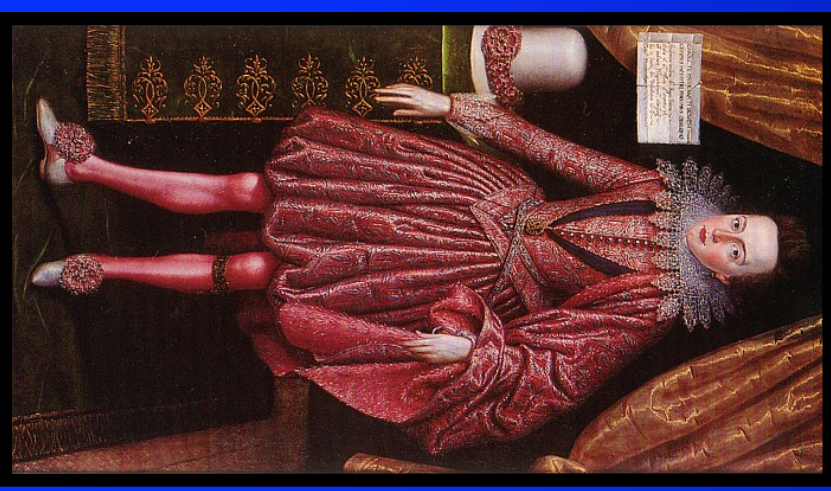


In Tudor times there were no **synthetic fabrics**. All Tudor clothes were made from only **natural fabrics** – fabrics that came from animals or plants.

These fabrics included:
wool, silk, leather, satin. Velvet and fur (from animals)
cotton and hessian from plants.

Rich Tudor people (Royal, Lords and Noblemen, rich merchants) wore clothes that were cut and sewn together very carefully into eye-catching shapes and designs.

The fabrics (silk, cotton, fur) came from far away countries and so were very expensive. The clothes took a long time to make – sometimes up to 12 weeks.



Rich and important Tudor men wore all these expensive clothes to show they were rich and important.

They wore:

Ruff (frilled neck collar)

Linen cotton shirt :
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Hose (long socks)

Velvet Hat

Cape (made from animal fur or cotton velvet)

Doublet (padded jacket with detailed designs)
Trunk Hose or Breeches (trousers)



This portrait of **Henry VIII** shows him wearing very expensive clothes that only the richest people in England could buy.

His **Padded Doublet** has little cuts in it, called **slashes**, which allowed the small puffs of the white linen shirt underneath to be pulled through and make an interesting design.

It also has real jewels, such as **Sapphires** and **Rubies** sown into it.

Henry's coat has huge, wide shoulders which have been **padded** with **whale bone** and **cotton stuffing**.

The coat is trimmed at the edges with the dark brown fur of **mink**.

These clothes and all the padding made Henry look very **strong, powerful and wealthy** – which is how a king had to look if he wanted people to obey him and do what he said!

