

Look At The 60s !!!

Girls' Fashion

In the **early years of the 60s**, clothing styles for girls were very similar to what had been worn throughout the 1950s. Fabric made of natural fibres (*wool* or *cotton*) was used for making clothes. These fabrics usually had earthy tones of brown, orange, blue and green, and generally needed careful washing and folding in order to remove stains and keep their shape whilst being cleaned and dried.



Skirts were long and had **pleats** (folds).

A girl's shirt is called a **blouse**: this would be tucked in at the waist.

People had a choice of **brown, green** or **blue** earthy tones for the colours.



For *special occasions*, girls wore **lighter dresses** which had **wide skirts** and a **fitted bodice**. A party dress often featured **puff sleeves**, **ruffles** around the neck and even a **crinoline** to make the skirt look extra-puffy and wavy!

New Designs & New materials

In the mid 1960s, fashion ideas were being shared around Europe, Britain, America and beyond.

There was a lot of excitement about new styles of clothing and the greater variety to choose from in shops. In 1965, dresses became shorter and the miniskirt was invented. Girls also wore fashionable shorts.

Polyester (a type of plastic) is a synthetic man-made material which became very popular for making clothes in the middle of the 1960s. It can be made quickly and cheaply into brightly coloured fabrics with bold patterns.

Parents were delighted with the modern clothes - they didn't fade as quickly in the wash and didn't require starching and pressing which took a very long time. The modern clothes were also more comfortable for the children to play in.



By the end of the decade, colours had become **brighter** and dresses were more striking. Brilliant pinks, yellows and greens were **popular colours**, as were **bold stripes** and **matching coloured tights**.

Most girls would have loved to own a pair of white Go-go boots too!

