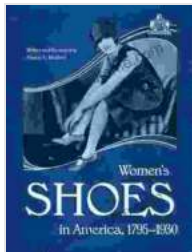


# Women's Shoes in America: From the Colonial Era to the Jazz Age

Shoes have always been more than just a way to cover our feet. They can be a reflection of our personality, our style, and even our social status. For women, shoes have long been a way to express themselves and to make a statement.



## Women's Shoes in America, 1795-1930

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In her new book, *Women's Shoes in America: From the Colonial Era to the Jazz Age*, fashion historian Valerie Steele explores the fascinating history of women's shoes in America. From the simple slippers of the colonial era to the glamorous heels of the Jazz Age, Steele traces the evolution of women's footwear over time.

Steele's book is not just a catalog of shoes. It is also a social history of America, as seen through the lens of women's fashion. Steele shows how women's shoes have reflected the changing roles of women in society, from the domestic sphere of the colonial era to the more public and independent world of the 20th century.

*Women's Shoes in America* is a beautifully illustrated book that is sure to appeal to anyone interested in fashion, history, or simply beautiful shoes. Steele's writing is clear and engaging, and her research is meticulous. This book is a must-have for any fashion lover's library.

### **The Colonial Era (1607-1776)**

The shoes worn by women in colonial America were simple and practical. They were typically made of leather or cloth, and they were designed to protect the feet from the elements. Heels were low, and the shoes were often fastened with buckles or laces.



The most common type of shoe worn by women in the colonial era was the pump. Pumps were low-heeled shoes with a pointed toe. They were often

made of leather or silk, and they were sometimes decorated with embroidery or ribbons.

Other popular styles of shoes worn by women in the colonial era included slippers, boots, and clogs. Slippers were soft, low-heeled shoes that were often worn indoors. Boots were sturdier shoes that were worn for outdoor activities. Clogs were wooden-soled shoes that were often worn by working women.

### **The Victorian Era (1837-1901)**

The Victorian era was a time of great change in women's fashion. This was reflected in the shoes that women wore. Victorian shoes were more elaborate and decorative than the shoes of the colonial era. They were often made of fine materials, such as silk, satin, or velvet, and they were often decorated with beads, ribbons, or lace.



A pair of Victorian women's shoes

The most popular type of shoe worn by women in the Victorian era was the boot. Boots were high-heeled shoes that were often made of leather or kidskin. They were often decorated with buttons, buckles, or tassels.

Other popular styles of shoes worn by women in the Victorian era included slippers, pumps, and sandals. Slippers were low-heeled shoes that were often worn indoors. Pumps were low-heeled shoes with a pointed toe. Sandals were open-toed shoes that were often worn in warm weather.

### **The Edwardian Era (1901-1910)**

The Edwardian era was a time of transition in women's fashion. This was reflected in the shoes that women wore. Edwardian shoes were less elaborate than the shoes of the Victorian era, but they were still more stylish than the shoes of the colonial era.



The most popular type of shoe worn by women in the Edwardian era was the pump. Pumps were low-heeled shoes with a pointed toe. They were often made of leather or suede, and they were often decorated with a simple bow or buckle.

Other popular styles of shoes worn by women in the Edwardian era included boots, slippers, and sandals. Boots were high-heeled shoes that were often made of leather or kidskin. Slippers were low-heeled shoes that

were often worn indoors. Sandals were open-toed shoes that were often worn in warm weather.

### **The Jazz Age (1920-1929)**

The Jazz Age was a time of great social and cultural change in America. This was reflected in the shoes that women wore. Jazz Age shoes were more glamorous and daring than the shoes of previous eras.

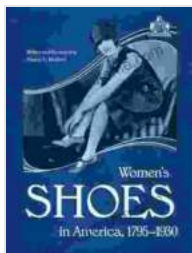


A pair of Jazz Age women's shoes

The most popular type of shoe worn by women in the Jazz Age was the pump. Pumps were high-heeled shoes with a pointed toe. They were often made of satin or silk, and they were often decorated with beads, sequins, or feathers.

Other popular styles of shoes worn by women in the Jazz Age included sandals, slippers, and boots. Sandals were open-toed shoes that were often worn in warm weather. Slippers were low-heeled shoes that were often worn indoors. Boots were high-heeled shoes that were often made of leather or suede.

The history of women's shoes in America is a fascinating one. It reflects the changing roles of women in society, as well as the changing styles and fashions of the time. From the simple slippers of the colonial era to the glamorous heels of the Jazz Age, women's shoes have always been a way for women to express themselves and to make a statement.



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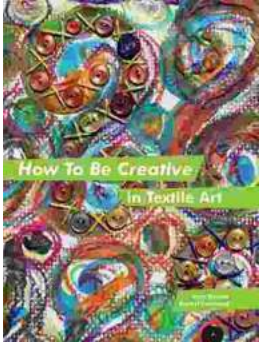
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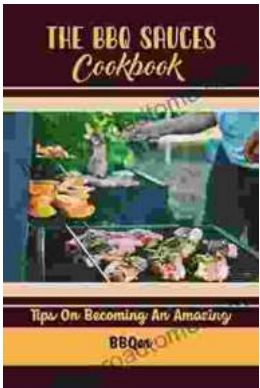
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