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Native American Indian Clothing For The Whole Family

By Edward Charkow

Throughout the years, the clothes that we wear have changed with society. Jeans, shirts, skirts, dresses, and even undergarments have changed designs. It almost seems as if nothing is the same as was it was before, that is expect for Native American Indian clothing.

While traditional clothing has been altered over time, for the most part, Native American Indian clothing has stayed the same. Native American Indians celebrate tradition and that can be seen in their clothing. Native American Indian clothing use to be worn by American Indians, but since then the clothing has expanded in popularity. Now, anyone who wants to can purchase Native American Indian clothing for their whole family.

Suede or imitation suede are the two most commonly used materials in Native American Indian clothing. White, brown, and tan are often considered the most popular colors for American Indian clothing. Additional colors may be available. The color of a piece of clothing will all depend on the clothing maker or supplier. Popular clothing designs include matching fringes, unique borders, and beautiful beads. Different styles and designs make American Indian clothing popular for individuals of all ages.

Women, whether they are of Indian decent or not, are often frequent buyers of Native American Indian clothing. There are a wide variety of different reasons why women choose to and enjoy purchasing Native American Indian clothing. One of the most common reasons is it because of the beauty.

Shirts and dresses are the items that are mostly commonly purchased out of all women's clothing. In addition to shirts and dresses, a large number of women purchase clothing accessories. These accessories most often come in the form of purses, handbags, and shawls. Depending on the outfit in question, it is possible to purchase an outfit with matching accessories.

Men, unless they are of Indian descent, are less likely than women to purchase Native American Indian clothing. It is not known why more American men prefer not to wear Indian clothing; perhaps it has to do with the selection of clothing available. Their clothing can come in a wide variety of different colors, but the styles are not as large as the women's. Popular clothing pieces for men include leggings, shirts,

and jackets.

Native American Indian clothing for children is almost as popular as women's clothing in today's society. A large number of parents purchase Native American Indian outfits for their children. There are a wide variety of different clothing styles and designs, including dresses, leggings, skirts, shirts, and jackets.

Native American Indian clothing can be purchased from a wide variety of locations. Clothing pieces are most commonly purchased from a Native American Indian storefront location, online store, or custom ordered directly through a designer. Custom-made American Indian clothing is exciting because you can design your own piece of clothing, but it will increase the price of an outfit.

If you are interested in purchasing a Native American Indian outfit, it is important that you do not believe popular myths surrounding the clothing. Native American Indian clothing is not just limited to

those of Indian descent. Anyone and everyone who wishes to wear American Indian clothing can do so if they choose to.

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<http://www.americanindian-history.com>

Taking A Closer Look At American Indian Beadwork

By Lisa Scott

Beadwork is the art or craft of attaching beads to one another or to cloth using a needle and thread. Most beadwork takes the form of jewelry or other personal adornment, but beads are also used in wall hangings and sculpture.

Historic pieces of American Indian beadwork are featured in museums across the country, and include fabulous displays of early beadwork using seeds, beans, nuts, shells, bones, teeth, rocks, quills, claws, pearls, turquoise, coral, silver, gold, and other things found in nature.

American Indian beadwork is a popular collector's item. Intricately beaded pieces of clothing, moccasins, and ceremonial head dresses are striking, and make a nice addition to any collection.

According to

<http://www.nebraskahistory.org>

, it wasn't until the early 1800s that American Indian

beadwork featured the use of trade beads in the colors of light blue and white taking the place of the

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more primitive pieces used before. The new beads allowed Indian artists to be more creative in their designs and patterns.

The bead work of the Plains Indian tribe is the most prevalent American Indian beadwork, with the use of intricate peyote stitch beading. There are a number of Native American beadwork traditions seen across the country, and each is unique in the beading design, style, color, and stitch used. In pieces of early beadwork, designs and colors used were greatly influenced by the tribal community, and by what color of beads were available at the time.

By the end of the 1800s a variety of colors were available allowing designs to become more intricate in both design and color. For more interesting facts about American Indian beadwork visit

<http://www.native-languages.org/beadwork.htm>

. This site also displays of sample works by Native

American artists and links to their personal websites where their work can be viewed in more depth.

Today, American Indian beadwork artists use a variety of tiny glass beads in a variety of colors, and sometimes combine them with natural crystals and semi-precious gemstones. Earrings, necklaces, chokers, bracelets, purses, and beaded clothing items, such as moccasins are very popular and are offered for sale at Southwestern style trade shows and Native American cultural events year round in various parts of the country.

There are still artists that create traditional pieces of beadwork using quills and other natural items. Some of these artists work only on commission and when the piece is completed, it is a piece that cannot be duplicated, a truly unique work of art. American Indian beadwork is beautiful and original and can be displayed proudly in the space of your choosing.

Your purchase is a contribution to the Native American culture, and reflects your support of this historic traditional art form. Many online retailers only feature works by authenticated Native American artists, and pieces are usually signed by their creator with verification of authenticity.

Learn more about American Indian beadwork.

<http://americanindianbeadwork.info/index.html>



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