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Traditional, Classic, And Old World Baby Clothing Dressing Your Baby The Old-School Way

By Kirsten Hawkins

In today's world there are nearly as many styles in baby clothing as there are babies crawling

about. Parents who want modern clothing can find it at the nearest Wal-Mart, those who desire alternative forms of clothing for their babies can usually find it online, some people make their baby clothing by hand, cutting cloth and sewing together designs from patterns purchased at the nearest Hancock Fabrics location. The choices are nearly limitless and include styles and designs too numerous to mention completely.

Like in other areas of the fashion world, baby clothes designs never really die, they go in and out of style according to the whims of the populace which, in the case of baby clothes, means the whims of the parents. Right now one of those whims is leaning toward retro clothing styles.

The term retro can mean a number of things, but often refers to pop culture of the recent past. While its true that styles influenced by the pop culture of the 1970s and 1980s are becoming popular, there is another retro movement taking place and it leans toward classic or old world baby clothing. Designs that were popular fifty, sixty, seventy, and up to a hundred years ago are gaining popularity with parents all over the country.

For baby boys, billowing "rompers" are selling from a number of specialty shops and websites from around the world to a largely American clientele, as are two piece short & shirt sets and old-style coveralls. Classic designs for girls include mostly flowing dresses and female counterparts to the boys' rompers.

Most of these designs can not be found in the average American store and many come from Europe and must be purchased online or by mail order. The British web site "Baby Classics" offers these styles and more to their customers, so many of whom are in the US that the company saw fit to quote their prices in dollars as well as British pounds. The outfits are expensive by most baby clothing standards, costing about the same as some of the more extravagant designer outfits for babies, but have found an audience because of the "cute" appearance of the clothing as it is worn by the infants or toddlers.

These extremely retro baby fashions may not be for everyone because of their unique looks and hefty prices, but many parents are jumping onto this classic bandwagon and dressing their babies in the fashions of long ago. Due to the cost and the delicate fabrics you probably won't see a lot of these designs showing up at the local park for play dates, but don't be surprised if you're sitting in church or at some special occasion and see a baby dressed like she's living in the 1920s.

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What Should You Consider When Choosing Baby Clothes

By Amy Fadden

Are you expecting a baby? You might be tempted to buy baby's clothes, although you know most of the time baby will always sleeping and crying during their first months, which obviously don't need fancy clothes to wear. But still you find dressing your baby with cute outfit will be an unforgettable moment.

You will find various kind of cute baby outfit. Dresses, jumpers, pajamas, and swimsuits are popular baby clothes most parents would like to have. Colors choices can be anything, but mostly baby girl wear pink color and baby boy wear blue color. But do not think, however, that this is the only color in which you can find for baby clothes. You can find baby outfits in almost all other colors.

The designs are also awesome for baby. You can find several designs, featuring flowers animals, toys, etc. You can also find many several pieces from brand name designers. Basically, baby clothes are not really expensive. But when it comes to branded baby clothes, you may find that they are rather expensive in comparison to lesser-known manufacturers of clothing. Though they may last a little bit longer, you will have to decide if the name on the label really justifies the price difference.

People spend a large portion of income on clothes, include for their baby. But, since babies are growing, you are unlikely to get as much use out of this clothing as you would like, right? So, you need to buy baby clothes carefully and hopefully it will last long although not from branded name.

Here is what you should consider when buying baby clothes:

- Choose baby clothes with an ease of changing where you can change it anytime.
- Make sure that the clothes have an easy access for diaper changes as well.
- Try to get clothing with a stretchy neckline or those having a snap to widen the opening, as it will facilitate the changing of clothes. Clothing with snap crotches is great for diaper changes.

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- In addition to ease of changing, it is also important to consider the location of decorative items like snaps, buttons etc. verses baby's comfort.
- You should give a thought to how the baby will be laying on these decorative items of clothing and how these accessories may be annoying.
- Prepare for a set of long johns for winter so that you can keep your baby warm.

If you want to save money, and also knowing that your baby will grow rapidly, it's okay if you consider to buy used baby clothes as long as it still good and clean. You can also sell your baby clothes at the thrift stores or directly to other parents who are looking for baby clothing after you realize that your baby has grown up bigger.

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