



**LADIES AUXILIARY FASHION COMMITTEE
PRESENTS**

COSTUME FAQ FOR LADIES

1. What if I can't afford a gown?

The White Star Line Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Committee is here to help! We've begun putting together gowns from thrift store pieces—watch for Lucile, who will be modeling some of these gowns at upcoming Boulder-area dances. Then come to one of our ladies costume workshops where we'll be demonstrating, advising, fitting, and selling the coordinates we've assembled; check the costume page or Titanic Weekend Facebook page for dates and places. Most ensembles will sell for \$20–\$30 (note: if that price is beyond your budget, talk to Dorothy to arrange a loan or discount). Or, join a thrift store shopping field trip. We'll also post sales and events we hear about on the Titanic Weekend Facebook page. Coming from afar? We can also help by email or phone.

2. What if I feel silly or uncomfortable when I get dressed up or wear a costume?

All of the lovely ladies (including you!) can feel beautiful and elegant in the right gown—one that fits in with the crowd, so it's less “costumeey,” and in a color and style that suit. The White Star Line Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Committee is glad to help you assemble just the right look for you. Come to one of our ladies costume workshops—check the costume page or Titanic Weekend Facebook page for dates and places. Or, join a thrift store shopping field trip.

3. What if I don't know what attire of the period looks like?

Check the costume page or try a Google image search for “1912 dress,” “1912 costume,” or “1912 fashion” (you will get different results if you vary the year between 1910 and 1914).

4. What if I don't know how to sew?

A lovely ensemble can be put together with thrift store finds: no sewing required! Come to one of our ladies costume workshops; check the costume page or Titanic Weekend Facebook page for dates and places. Or, join a thrift store shopping field trip.

5. I want to sew a gown. What pattern should I use?

A web search on “Titanic era dress pattern” yields many results! You might try:

- Laughing Moon Mercantile #104: http://www.amazon.com/1909-1913-Evening-Dress-Pattern/dp/B0015OGWJS/ref=pd_sim_misc_2
- Simplicity 8399 (only available via the web): <http://www.simplicity.com/p-5974-misses-costume.aspx>
- Folkwear Titanic Era Afternoon Tea Dress: http://www.amazon.com/Titanic-Era-Afternoon-Dress-Pattern/dp/B0017S25DY/ref=sr_1_24?s=arts-crafts&ie=UTF8&qid=1320506299&sr=1-24

As an alternative, modern patterns such as Simplicity 2254 (<http://www.simplicity.com/p-5825-misses-tunic-or-top.aspx>) or 2223 (<http://www.simplicity.com/p-5825-misses-tunic-or-top.aspx>) will make an

easy-sew tunic to wear over a straight skirt. Complete with a sash, vary the length, and add your own decorative touches for your unique look.

Note: the links are only one source for these patterns. A web search will provide other vendors.

6. What if I don't have time to put together a costume?

The White Star Line Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Committee is here to help! Come to one of our ladies costume workshops; check the costume page or on the Titanic Weekend Facebook page for dates and places. Or, join a thrift store shopping field trip. We'll help get you assemble a beautiful gown with just a few hours of your time.

7. Can I wear a modern gown?

Many modern gowns can achieve a Titanic-era look. Choose one with a relatively straight skirt, and avoid fabrics and styles that are obviously identifiable as 1980s, 1990s, etc. Need advice? Contact a member of the White Star Line Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Committee, or come to one of our ladies costume workshops; check the costume page or on the Titanic Weekend Facebook page for dates and places.

8. What about shoes?

Whatever you regularly wear for dancing will work just fine. Don't have dance shoes? The White Star Line Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Committee has collected several pairs of low-heeled character shoes, which will be available for sale at our ladies costume workshops; check the costume page or on the Titanic Weekend Facebook page for dates and places.

9. What exactly is a ladies costume workshop, and when will they be? What about other opportunities to purchase items?

The White Star Line Ladies Auxiliary Fashion Committee has developed an easy formula for assembling a ragtime-era gown from thrift store pieces and fabric remnants, which we'll share at the workshops. We've put together several ensembles which will be available for \$20-\$30. And we'll help you with selection and fitting. A small fee will cover light refreshments.

The first women's costume workshop is at 1:30 on Sunday, January 22, at the Pearl Street Studio. Watch for others on the costume page or on the Titanic Weekend Facebook page.