



# Roman Clothes

Most Roman clothes were made from big pieces of wool, linen or silk, folded, pinned or tied with belts.

- **Men** wore a tunic, stitched at the sides, tied with a belt. Important men could wear a toga. Most men had short hair but at one time it was fashionable to have it longer, oiled and curled.

- **Women** wore a tunic with a longer dress (a stola) over the top. It was fastened with brooches. They wore a cloak (a palla) outdoors. Women took a lot of care with their hair and make-up. Paintings and coins show that hairstyles changed just as they do today.

- **Underwear**

Both men and women wore a simple loincloth called a subligaculum under their clothes.

- **Shoes**

Indoors, the Romans wore open-toed sandals. However, outdoors they preferred to wear shoes that covered their toes. The Romans made shoes and sandals by fixing strips of leather to a tough leather or cork base. Sandals, to be worn indoors or in the summer, had a smaller number of leather strips. Shoes for walking, for winter or for soldiers had many more leather strips to cover the toes and provide more warmth.

## Jewellery

Women wore brooches, rings, necklaces, bangles. Men were only allowed to wear one piece of jewellery - a ring that was used to make a mark in wax for sealing documents.

