

CHANGING FASHIONS



These women weaving on a loom, wearing highly patterned dresses, were painted on an Archaic Period vase.

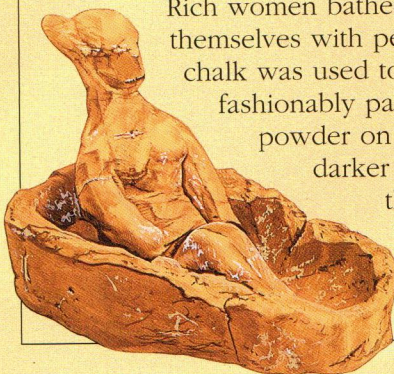
Most people's clothes were made of plain wool or linen, although richer people could afford to dye or decorate them. Bright, patterned fabrics were popular in the Archaic Period. Later, clothes were often of one shade, sometimes with a patterned border.



INTERNET LINK

For links to websites where you can see clothing and ornaments worn by the ancient Greeks, go to www.usborne-quicklinks.com

BEAUTY REGIME

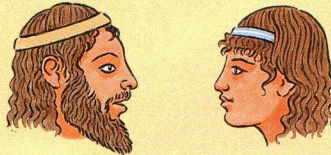


Rich women bathed every day and rubbed themselves with perfumed oils. Powdered chalk was used to make their skin look fashionably pale. They also used a red powder on their cheeks and a darker one for emphasizing their eyebrows.

This Greek pottery model shows a woman in a bathtub. It is only big enough for sitting up in.

HAIRSTYLES

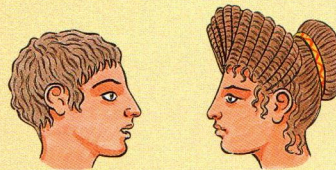
Fashion in hairstyles changed over the centuries. As time went on, men's hair and beards grew shorter and tidier, and women's hairstyles became higher and more elaborately styled.



Simple styles from the Archaic Period



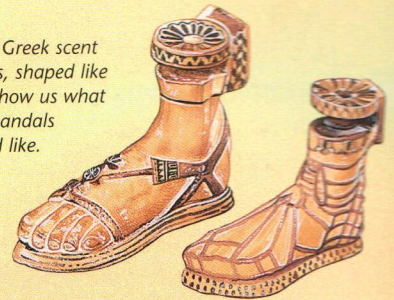
In Classical times, women put up their hair with ribbons, hairnets, scarves or gold bands. Men's beards were tidier.



In the Hellenistic Period, men shaved off their beards and women styled their hair with waves and curls.

SHOES

These Greek scent bottles, shaped like feet, show us what their sandals looked like.



Most Greeks went barefoot for much of the time, or wore strappy leather sandals. But they did have other styles of shoes, such as calf-length boots for horsemen.



Mirror glass had not been invented in ancient times, so hand mirrors like this one were made of highly polished bronze.