Our folk costumes

Every region is special in some way, and Turopolje, among other things, is special for its folk costumes. They were sewn from home-made fabric and weaved on a loom, although they had been hand-made before. There are women's, men's and children's costumes.

Children's costume includes *haljica* (a coat) and *opančići* (small traditional leather shoes)*.* Men's costume consists of pants, a shirt, a black *lajbek* (waistcoat), black boots and a hat. Women's costume is comprised of *rubača* (a shirt) with narrow hand-made pleats, *fertun* (an apron) - hand-embroidered or decorated so during weaving, *opleček* (a blouse) with wide sleeves, white socks and *opanci* on the feet. Instead of the blouse, *haljica* can be worn, as well as a red *lajbek.*

Red corals in several strands can be worn as necklaces, while the hair is worn in two plaits tied with red bows. Girls and women also put on *poculica,* a cap with various hand-made ornaments, on their heads.

The costumes originate from the past when they served as people's only clothes. There was only difference between work clothes and formal clothes.

The costumes can nowadays be seen in various events for the purpose of showing the beauty of the place we inhabit. Those described above can be found in Odra, Hrašće and Mala Mlaka. Every other place in Turopolje has some additional detail that makes their costumes unique.

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