

# *Flamenco dress*

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# FLAMENCO DRESS

The flamenco dress is the clothing made up of several pieces that is dressed in festive contexts in Andalusia and in representations and performances of flamenco art and that has become an icon of Andalusian culture and fashion.

TYPIC FLAMENCO DRESS ➔



# DESIGN

It is made in bright colors in both plain and patterned designs, the most typical being polka dot suits. It is complemented with some type of mantilla or shawl, the most typical and emblematic being the Manila Shawl; It is also traditional to wear the hair in a bun, flowers in the hair, large earrings and a wide-heeled shoe.



# ORIGIN AND USE

Among the existing engravings on regional costumes from the early 19th century, there are the first manifestations of the Andalusian folk costume with a rural version that does not anticipate the flamenco dress at all and its urban version, based on the *maja* model with a skirt of silk and lace ruffles, fitted waist, mantilla and flower ornament in the hair, which does constitute a clear formal antecedent of the flamenco dress as it is known today.



The costume initially used by gypsy women became popular as typical Andalusian costume. The origin of the outfit dates back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when vendors flocked to the fair with cattle dealers dressed in modest ruffled calico robes. Later, the wealthy classes copied this dress.

As of the April Fair held in Seville in 1929, the suit became the official dress to attend the event, a tradition that has been consolidated until the 21st century.<sup>7</sup>



# THE FLAMENCO COSTUME AND FASHION

The flamenco dress has undergone modifications according to the fashion of each era. Thus the length of the skirts have been shortened and lengthened, the ruffles have disappeared at some point and at others they have multiplied.

In the 1960s, fueled by the rise of the miniskirt, the dress's dimensions were shortened to the mid-calf or knee.



From the 70s, the suit would return to the traditional length covering the leg to the ankles. VESTIDO LARGO

