

## Stone Age Clothing What did Stone Age people wear

- The weather was extremely cold during the Ice Age.
- Early humans used to hunt animals. They cleaned and prepared the animal skins and then wrapped them around their bodies.
- They also made needles from animal bones to sew animals' skins into clothes.
- They decorated their faces and bodies with paints from natural resources.



## Stone Age Jewellery Facts

- The first jewellery was made by humans around 75,000 years ago.
- They strung shells together to make necklaces.
- This jewellery was simple in design.



## Stone Age clothes

Just as we do today, early people needed clothes to keep warm. In later Stone Age times, clothes were made from grasses and plant stems that were woven together to make fabric. Animal hides were also worn, and were especially useful in cold weather.

**Leather outfit**  
This woman is wearing a tunic and trousers made from softened deer skin. Leather is very hardwearing, while giving protection from cold winds.

Necklace made from animal bones

Container made from tree bark

Legs stayed warm in leather trousers

There were no concrete pavements in Stone Age times, and people could quite easily walk on earth and grass in bare feet.

Long sticks, called digging sticks, were used to dig up vegetables and roots. The stick was burnt at either end to make the points harder, so both ends could be used.

### Summer worker

This woman is wearing a tunic made from the flax plant. At the end of the Stone Age, clothes woven from flax fibre were found to be ideal for keeping cool in warmer weather and for working.

This spearhead is made from a rock called flint. Other spearheads were made from bone, antler, or ivory.

### Winter hunter

In the cold winter months, Stone Age people wore animal skins, such as this tunic made from red deer skin. Skins kept them warm while out hunting.

This backpack is made from deer skin. The wooden frame is similar to metal frames found in modern rucksacks.

**! WOW!**  
Some clothes were woven from the stems of stinging nettles!

The dull brown colour of the fur made great camouflage in woodland.

The belt has a pouch at the front for carrying stone tools.

Spears were made from hazel or ash wood.

Shoes made from deer skin were sometimes worn to keep warm in the cold winter.

### Needle and thread

Towards the end of the Stone Age, the needle and thread were invented to help make clothes. Once people could wear fitted clothing, it was easier for them to keep warm and to live in harsher climates.

Needles were made from bone and threaded with plant fibre.