

Please supply if possible

Ladies

- Little black dress, fitted knee length or above
- Tan tights
- Some jewelry – fake pearl necklace, bracelet
- Character shoes for dancing
- Own cloths for opening scene 50's style, dress, blouse, jacket/overcoat court shoes – See notes below, Bianca's quartet ladies can be dressed alike in Capri pants for example.

Gents

- Black dress trousers
- White dress shirt
- Braces
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes if not dancing
- Black jazz shoes if dancing
- Dressing gown (Fred & Bill)
- Own cloths for opening scene 50's style, high waisted pant, shirt(plain/checked), jacket– See notes below

To be made

- Fascinators
- Bustles & belts
- Arm tokens

HOW TO DRESS IN THE 1950s

LADIES

Find a fitted blouse; quarter length sleeves are okay. The shoulder should be fitted, not puffy. Jackets were very fitted, with more rounded shoulders. They were hemmed at the hip level. Collars were often small and rounded, like Peter Pan. There were many types of decorative pockets and buttons on jackets in the 1950's

Choose the type of skirt, (but make sure it 'matches' the blouse). Skirts were full (circle, gathered, pleated or gored), but some were narrow and straight. Swing Skirts that were knee high were also popular, along with the poodle skirt.

Try a shirt dress. Dresses: shirt dresses were popular. These had a shirt-like bodice, with a gathered skirt. A narrow belt was worn. Other dresses had fitted bodices with straight or narrow skirts.

Get the right type of pants/trousers. Pants: the legs became narrow during the 50's. Pants were very popular and worn at home and leisure. The Capri was mid-calf length. Socks were optional.

Be sure your accessories match the 'timing' of the rest of your outfit. Accessories: small hats were popular, but during the latter years 'flower pot' hats were seen.. Gloves of all colors were worn with dresses. Shoes often had pointed toes and thin heels. Handbags grew smaller, often envelope in shape. The 'Kelley' bag was a simple hand bag with handle. Early in the 50's hairstyles were short and close (Audrey Hepburn), but later became larger and bouffant (Liz Taylor).

MEN

Menswear: suits were becoming more narrow--with narrow pants, and a Sack coat shape (Brooks Brother's suit). Charcoal grey was popular. A white shirt was usually worn with this grey suit, along with a plain, narrow tie. Hats were loosing popularity as the car made it difficult to wear when driving. Khaki pants and plaid shirts or button-down collared oxford cloth shirts were seen on students. Hair was worn short, in a post-military style

