

Costume Suggestions

The party is set in 1926. It's a semi-formal dinner party, so attire should reflect that.

Links:

Male Costume:

<http://www.retroactive.com/jan97/1920s5.html>

<http://www.costumes.org/pages/timelinepages/1920s1.htm>

<http://tuxonthenet.com/rental/avalon.htm>

<http://www.murrayontravel.com/carolnolan/index.html>

Female Costume:

<http://www.retroactive.com/jan97/1920s.html>

<http://www2.idsonline.com/jeff/fashion.html>

<http://www.marquise.de/material/1920/index.html>

<http://www.retroactive.com/tiptray/fashion.html>

<http://simplicity.com/851/8513.htm> (Pattern - Beginners)

<http://simplicity.com/854/8776.htm> (Pattern - Intermediate)

<http://www.pandorasbox.com/flapper.html> (also has information about culture and style)

<http://www.costumes.org/pages/timelinepages/1920s1.htm>

<http://cairo.silvren.com/~cairo/fashion/thumbs.htm>

In addition, e-Bay (<http://www.ebay.com>) has just about anything if you're willing to do a little searching for it.

Area Resources:

Several malls have opened seasonal Halloween shops with numerous accessories, makeup, and even suitable costumes. The Lakeforest and White Flint malls definitely have these shops, and most other large malls will follow suit.

There are also costume rental shops in most areas which can provide appropriate attire.

If you're really in a bind, fake it. Male costume hasn't changed since the turn of the century, and a dress with simple lines might be from any period. Accessorize with flapper beads (unless you're a male) or other 20's icons, and you're set!

Remember--This is a party, and you're supposed to enjoy yourself. You don't have to bankrupt yourself on a costume, or stay up nights getting the details right. Take your best shot, and have fun with the results!