

# A TUDOR COSTUMES CHEAT SHEET FOR Sunday 16th July 2023

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**Bishop's Castle**  
**450 Year** Charter Celebration

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This sheet is intended to help everyone prepare for the Bishop's Castle event on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July to commemorate the gift of a charter to the town by Queen Elizabeth the first. The more people in the town who can be in costume the better we will all look, but the key to all of this is to have some fun! Costumes can cost a lot of money and may be only worn for one day. A set of work shops has been set up to help people put together costumes.

My name is Anne, I run a re-enactor group and I have been making high quality kit since 1994, researching and making clothing for babes in arms, to adults of all status and occupations.

For this event we want people to feel as good as they look without having to spend a lot of money. We know that some people don't sew, can't sew, and some will be experienced needle workers. The workshops are for everyone all ages male and female.

So, to begin. Are there any garments in the back of the wardrobe or the charity shop that can be altered or used for the big day?

- ❖ Peasant blouses with long sleeves in cream or white
- ❖ Granny style night dresses in cream or white cotton or linen looking fabric
- ❖ Shirts or blouses cream or white in xxl sizes, (this will allow enough fabric to work with)

These items will form the basis of your Elizabethan underwear a lot of which will be on show as sleeves. Remember we are preparing for a summer event, it may be quite hot.

To make shirts or shifts if suitable garments are not available, old sheets in cream or white or curtain linings are a good option, even beige linings are helpful. While you are looking for fabrics, look for silky or velvet curtains, woollen blankets or fabrics that look like wool, linen, cotton, or silk. Choose plain rather than multi coloured patterns.

There will be four **FREE** workshops one a week in May a gap of a few weeks and a final (are we ready yet?) workshop, to help people finish their look.

First workshop is **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**. I am around from **1.00pm till 4.00pm** at

The Public Hall, Station Street, Bishops Castle.

Other workshops will be held.

- ❖ **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 5.00pm-8.00pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1.00pm-4.00pm**
- ❖ **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 5.00pm-8.00pm**

We hope that by having some evening work shops people who are busy in the daytime can come. Please bring with you any garments or fabrics you may have found. Large scissors, a willingness to be measured (in private). Or a modern top that fits you well if the thought of a measuring tape is uncomfortable to you.

A chance to chat and cheat your way to a costume to be proud of.

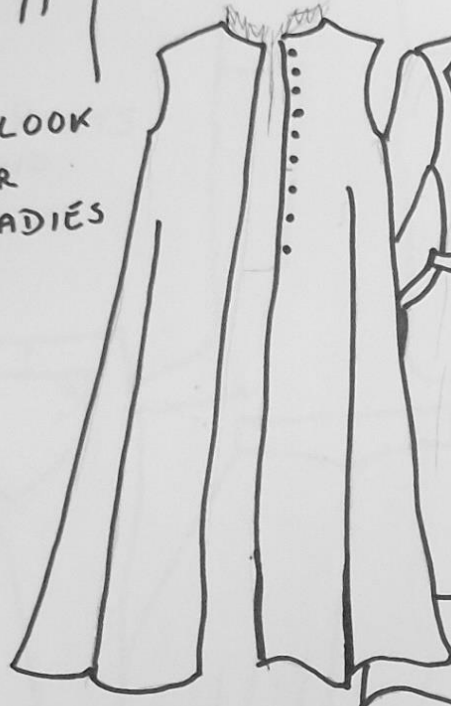
**Looking forward to meeting you, all are welcome**

Anne

Pease don't feel that you will be expected to make copies of these garments, the sketches are a guide to the sort of look that you find in paintings, documents and on tomb carvings. They can help you with ideas about how you may want to look.



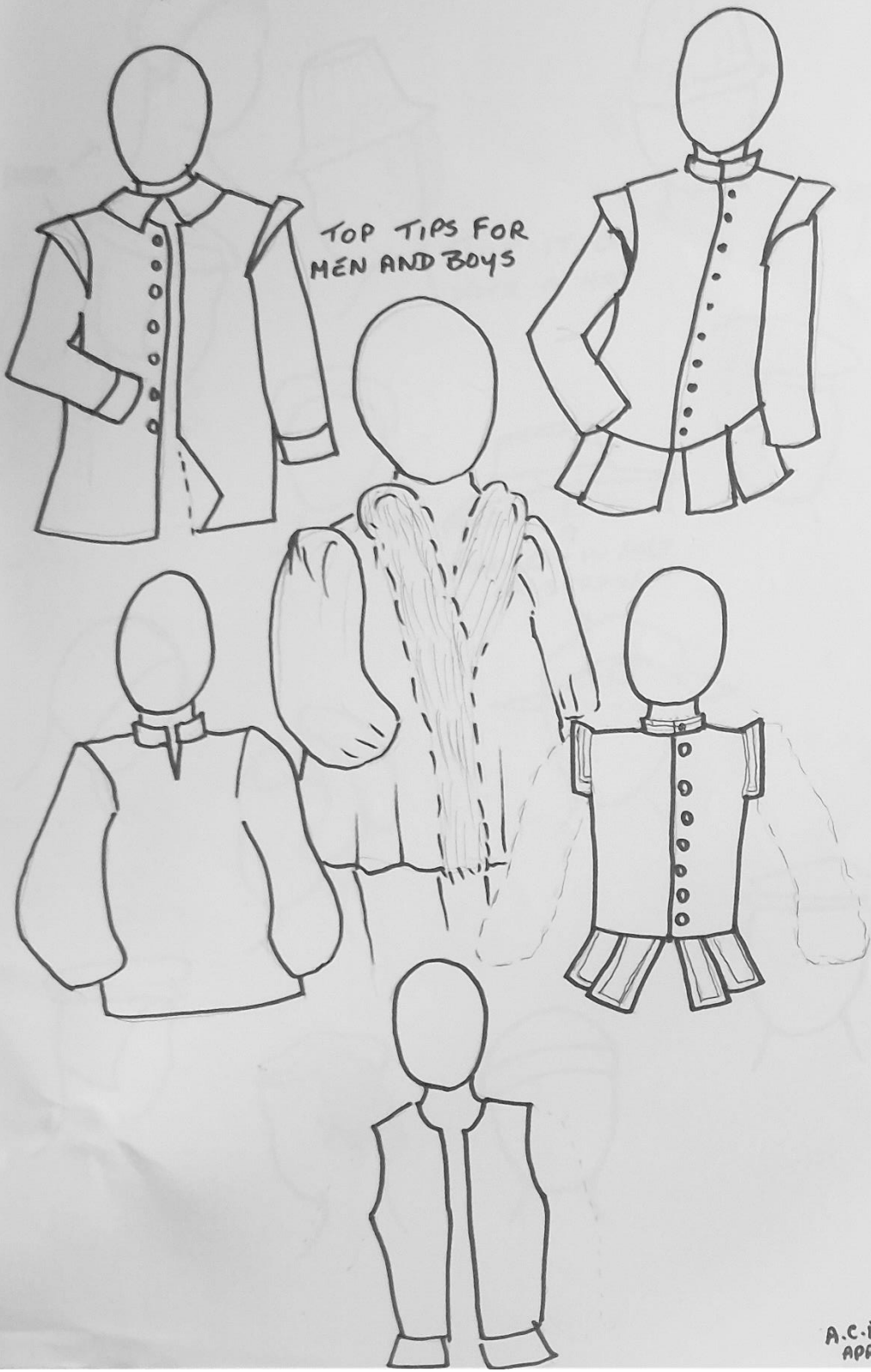
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