

How to choose a Fascinator

1) Coordinate the size of your chosen fascinator with your hair style.

If you chose to wear a fascinator with your hair slicked backwards, then go with a smaller one. If you're going to wear your hair loosely pulled up, then a medium size is probably best. Wear a large fascinator if you're wearing your hair down and in a voluminous style.

2) Pick the material based on the season.

If it's warmer outside, you'll want to go with a fascinator that's made of a lighter, more breathable material; a straw material is advised here. In winter, wearing a wool fascinator can be ideal.

3) Select a color that matches your outfit.

Your fascinator will give off a more subtle, classy boldness if it looks like the outfit you're wearing. To ensure this, wear a fascinator that's the same color as the clothes you're wearing.

4) Complement your hair color with your fascinator.

Redheads look best with a fascinator that's an earth tone, such as beige, brown, or deep green. If you have blond hair, try wearing a light warm color like coral or a neutral like taupe. Finally, opt for bright, deep shades such as hot pink or emerald if you have brown hair.

5) Get a fascinator that complements your face shape.

I know you're in deep wonder how possible this can be but it looks best to create a contrast between your fascinator shape and your face shape. If you have a more round face, opt for a slightly taller fascinator. If you have a longer or thinner face, a spherical or disc-shaped fascinator looks best.

6) Avoid headbands and complexity if you wear glasses.

Since headbands are secured behind the ears and so are glasses, those with glasses will feel more secure and comfortable wearing elastic securing fascinators. Additionally, try to keep the style of the fascinator simple to avoid looking too "busy" in combination with your glasses.

Wearing Fascinators Appropriately

1) Wear the fascinator on the side of your head.

The best place to wear a fascinator is either on the right or left side of your head. Wearing it towards the front of your head correctly is sometimes acceptable, but try wearing it on the side a few times and getting comfortable with that before going for a bolder look

Placing it just above either your right or left eyebrow is a perfect idea.

2) Wear the elastic band behind your ears.

Many fascinators attach to your head with a subtle elastic band. This goes behind your ears and around your neck, not under your chin. That is a mistake and looks inappropriate thus it will not appear fashionable.

3) Play it safe with a traditional style.

If you're trying out a fascinator for the first time, it's a good idea to wear a classic shape, like a mini pillbox shape. To stay stylish, avoid oversized, elaborate styles that are distracting and overwhelming.

When Should You Wear Your Fascinator ?

It's not uncommon to find elegant ladies wearing fascinator hats while attending:

- Christening ceremonies
- Weddings
- Funerals
- Easter church services
- Horseracing events
- Cocktail parties
- Upscale business parties

You could also choose to wear a fascinator as part of a vintage outfit. A delicate fascinator can pull a classic, elegant look together as nothing else can. If you're recreating a decade-based Halloween outfit, you might also want to invest in a fascinator.

These tiny headwear pieces can help your 1920's look come together nicely. While these hats might look out of place when paired with a t-shirt and jeans, they can complement nearly any formal or semi-formal feminine outfit.

Fascinators can be a great accessory to add to an outfit, but make sure that you're wearing it to events where it's fitting. Garden parties, tea parties, and weddings are all great places to wear a fascinator. Keep your fascinator away from the cinema, the club, or any other event that has stadium-style seating. It's rude to block the people behind you.

How to clean and protect your fascinator

While certainly not the most visible part of your hat or fascinator, the sweatband is definitely the dirtiest; it comes in contact with sweat, makeup, and hair products daily, and it quickly becomes stained and smelly.

Fortunately, it's easy to clean.

Fold the sweatband down, and be mindful of how you're holding your hat! Don't pull on the brim or press on the crown. Otherwise, your hat might lose its shape.

Mix some mild detergent with water, dip a soft brush into the mixture, shake off any excess water, and gently scrub the sweatband. Use a damp cloth for more stubborn stains, and leave your hat to air dry.

Exposing your fascinator's to high temperatures can ruin their shape and color, so don't place them by heaters or fireplaces, and don't use blow dryers on them (this can shrink a hat). It's also important to make sure not to store hats near a window, as leaving a headpiece in direct sunlight will make it vulnerable to sun damage and fade its color.

How to store your fascinator properly and keep it looking brand new

If you handle and store fascinators properly, you'll get to enjoy them for a lifetime. There's really only one way to store your fascinators – in a hat box. Hat boxes will help your fascinators to retain their shape and will keep them safe from dirt, dust, and sunlight.

Store fascinators either right side up, or upside down (depending on the shape). Make sure that embellishments such as flowers, feathers, and ribbons are not bent. Tissue paper should always be supportive of any adornments or bows.

If you're good to your fascinator, they'll be good to you. Bottom line, it's important to clean and store your treasured headpieces properly so that you will be able to enjoy them for years to come. Lastly, if you're dealing with stubborn stains or fragile fascinators, then sending them in for a professional clean might be your best option.