

# Year 4 Saxon Day!

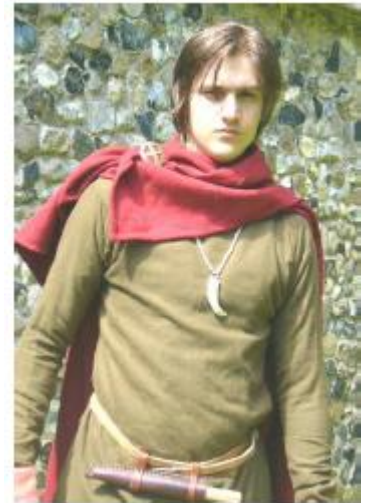
## Saxon Costume ideas

*Dressing up needn't be challenging nor expensive. Costumes are easily made from existing clothing and there is no need to get something from a fancy dress shop. In fact your clothing will be more authentic if it's not, as purchased fancy dress costumes are not only expensive but often inaccurately based on "horns and fur".*

Here are some quick ideas for a simple authentic home-made outfit:

### Saxon Man

- A long sleeved, oversize plain T-shirt, muted, earthy colour.  
Borrow your dad's or big brother's.
- A thin belt, leather or fabric.  
A plain tie-belt from a dressing gown will do at a push.
- A pair of plain dark leggings or jogging bottoms
- Plain dark shoes or short boots
- A plain coloured cloak (a piece of material, perhaps from some old curtains)  
Attached with a round brooch (see overleaf)  
made from cardboard and a safety pin
- Make a 'seax' - a short dagger -  
and attach it to your belt.



### Saxon Lady

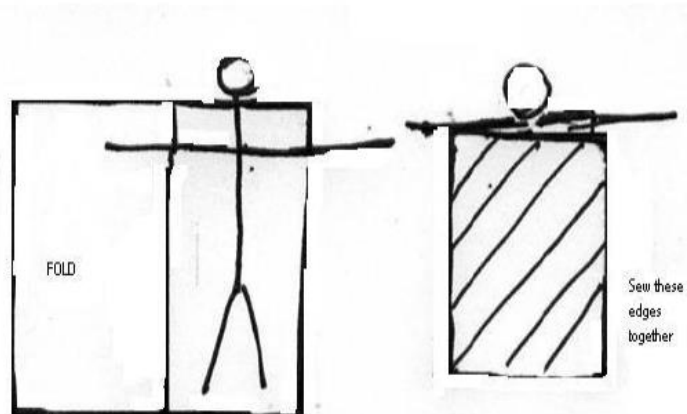
- A plain coloured long dress or top and skirt
- A plain overdress - a peplos (see overleaf)  
secured with two round brooches (see overleaf)
- A thin belt
- A string of beads worn as a necklace
- Plain dark shoes or short boots
- Hair plaited in a single plait at the back
- Girdle hangers (see overleaf)



## More costume ideas from Portals to the Past – the Saxon experts leading our Saxon Day



Make a peplos from an old sheet.



Look at the photo of the Saxon Women. Make your Saxon brooches and pin your peplos on your shoulders. Wear a belt around your middle. Hang your girdle hangers from the belt. Wear a cloak in winter.



Make your girdle hangers from cardboard and paint silver or grey.



Saxon Brooches were usually round. Make two disc's of card. Decorate with pasta shapes. Paint silver or grey, or draw a design on the discs. Secure a large safety pin on the back of the brooch. String some beads between the brooches. Pin to your dress on the shoulders.

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Please note: There is no evidence that Vikings or Saxons wore horned helmets – this idea arose from the imagination of romantic Victorians.