

Chart of Elizabethan Sumptuary Laws

| SOCIAL RANK | PERMITTED TO WEAR | ON ARTICLE OF CLOTHING |
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| Monarch, Monarch's Family | cloth of gold silk fabrics the colour purple, in any fabric | <i>all clothing</i> <i>all clothing</i> <i>all clothing</i> |
| Knights of the Garter | purple silk | <i>mantles only</i> |
| Barons, Viscounts | gold-tinselled satin (silk or cloth mixed or embroidered with gold) cloth of silver, silver-tinselled satin (silk or cloth mixed or embroidered with silver) imported woollen cloth | <i>doublets, jerkins, cloak linings, gowns and hose only</i> <i>doublets, jerkins, cloak linings, gowns and hose only</i> <i>caps only</i> |
| Privy Council, Sons and heirs of Dukes, Marquises and Earls | crimson velvet black <i>Furs of Genets</i> and <i>Furs of Lucerns</i> pearls | <i>all clothing</i> <i>all clothing</i> <i>all clothing</i> |
| Lord Chancellor, Lord Treasurer, President of the Council, Privy Seal | velvet in any colour except purple and crimson satins and silks in any colour except purple furs, except <i>Genets</i> and <i>Lucerns</i> | <i>all clothing</i> <i>all clothing</i> <i>all clothing</i> |
| Sons and heirs of Barons, Knights, Gentlemen attendant upon the Monarch if ambassador for foreign prices | velvet leopard fur silk embroidery | <i>gowns, coars and other outerwear only</i> <i>gowns, coars and other outerwear only</i> <i>gowns, coars and other outerwear only</i> |
| Gentlemen attendant upon the Monarch in her Privy Chamber, Cupbearers and Servers, Gentlemen Ushers, Esquires for the Body, Esquires of the Stable | clothing trimmed with gold, silver or pearl silk nether-stocks, enamelled chains, buttons and aiglets silk, camlet, damask and taffeta | <i>caps, hats, garters and boothose only</i> <i>caps, hats, garters and boothose only</i> <i>gowns, coats, hose and other outerwear</i> |
| Sons and Heirs of Knights | imported fur, except <i>foins</i> , <i>genets</i> , <i>bodge</i> and <i>wolf</i> (grey) satin, damask, taffeta and camlet sarcent, taffeta and camlet the colour indigo velvet gilt | <i>gowns, coats and other outerwear</i> <i>doublets only</i> <i>linings of gowns and cloaks only</i> <i>gowns, cloaks, coats, jackets, jerkins, coifs and purses only</i> <i>hats, bonnets, girdles, shoes and pantofles only</i> <i>spurs, swords, rapiers, daggers, skeins, woodknives, hangers, buckles and girdles only</i> |
| Justices, Barons of the Exchequer, Master of the Rolls, Sergeants at Law, Masters of the Chancery, Masters of the Monarch's Council, Apprentices of Law, Physicians of the Monarch, and Mayors | cottons and taffeta in any colour except purple, crimson, violet and indigo | <i>all clothing</i> |
| Lower Class Men | wool, linen and sheepskin in the following colours only: brown, beige, yellow, orange, russet, green, grey and woad blue (and, if they could be afforded...) silk, taffeta and velvet trimmings | <i>all clothing</i> <i>buttons and linings of coats, cloaks, hats and caps only</i> |