



# Pirate Outfit Accessories

Once our pirate has his top and trousers, you could choose to design some additional items to enhance the outfit.

## Equipment

1. Some paper or card, long enough to go around your waist.
2. A piece of black felt or other black fabric.
3. Some thick black elastic.
4. A gold coloured curtain ring.
5. A length of thin elastic.
6. A coloured scarf.



## Safety Stuff

Working with items such as scissors can be dangerous, so be very careful when you use them. Make sure that you never leave them where smaller children can reach them.

Before starting, cover the work surface with newspaper or an old cloth and make sure that you're wearing an apron or some old clothes. Gather together all the items you'll need and plan your designs carefully before you begin. Draw your designs on paper to experiment, and try out any complicated ideas on some scrap cloth. That way you won't waste any clothes or good material you may need later!

A lot of the things you'll need can be found simply by hunting around at home, but check with an adult before you take anything. Using somebody's best suit to make a pirate costume isn't going to make you very popular! And don't forget to tidy up afterwards!

## Steps

### Swag-bag

Fold a square of old cloth in half. How can you make this into a pouch for the pirate's treasures?



### Eye patch

Cut out a patch of black felt large enough to cover one eye. Sew a piece of ribbon or elastic onto it so that you can wear it over one eye as an eye patch.

### Earrings

Attach a gold coloured curtain ring onto some thin elastic and then wrap the elastic around your whole ear. It will make you look really mean!



### Bandana

Wear a scarf or bandana on your head as a final touch.

Your pirate is now ready to sail the open seas fighting for treasure. All you need now is a parrot to sit on your shoulder and say 'pieces of eight'!

## Step Three

Now you've made a pirate costume, can you think how you would make other costumes, such as a robot? How could you create the boxy, metallic look that robots always seem to have? (Hint: large empty cardboard boxes from your local supermarket, together with some silver paint, can create a very convincing 'robot' look!)

You can also make simple fancy dress garments from a few odds and ends. Just as an eye patch is most associated with a pirate, so old sacks and rags are linked with mediaeval peasants and beggars. So it's possible to make costumes that people will instantly recognise without spending too much time or effort on them. See how many different costumes you can make using just a few simple props.