



Medieval Shoes

Although plenty of tempting medieval replica shoes are available online or at the renaissance faires, plenty of affordable, practical and comfortable modern shoes can easily pass for medieval, probably even from your own closet. If you're going to invest in a costume shoe, you might rather have one with a modern fit, sole and arch support. Medieval shoes were mostly matte finish leather flats; ladies' slippers could be cloth and quite fancy. **Parade-OK:** buckles, toggles, primitive laces, moderate heels, clogs, sandals (sandals with wool socks for winter especially for monks and peasants), tall and short boots, fur, ballet slippers, loafer styles, stamped leather, embroidery. **AVOID:** visually prominent zippers or Velcro (a discreet zipper in a boot is ok), very high or spiked heels, laces with metal eyelets or tongues, oxfords, cowboy boots, neon colors, obviously synthetic materials (artificial leather is fine), hiking or work boots, Victorian lace-up or button-up shoes. **NO TENNIS SHOES.**



If you **MUST** have tennis shoes
medically,
make them
a discreet
SOLID black.

