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What is a Corset?

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Article Body:

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The craft of making corsets is known as corsetry, as is the general wearing of them. A person who wears a corset is called a corseteer.

The most popular use of corsets is to shape the body into a beautiful, fashionable silhouette. Corsets have been worn for centuries.

For men, corsets are more customarily used to slim the figure. However, there was a period from the 18th to the 19th century when men wore corsets.

Corsets are constructed of flexible materials such as satin, leather, PVC, denim, and velvet. They are designed to provide support and shape.

A corset encloses the upper body, usually from under the arms to the hips. Some corsets however, extend to the ankles.

Corsets are held together by lacing, usually at the back. Tightening or loosening the lacing can adjust the fit.

In the past, a woman's corset was usually worn over a garment called a chemise or shift, a sleeveless dress.

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