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ABSTRACT

Collar is the part of a shirt, dress, coat or blouse that fastens around or frames the neck. Among clothing construction professionals, a collar is differentiated from other necklines such as revers and lapels, by being made from a separate piece of fabric, rather than a folded or cut part of the same piece of fabric used for the main body of the garment. A collar may be permanently attached to the main body of the garment or detachable.

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INTRODUCTION

Collars are very important on any garment as it is a kind of focal point and it frames your neck as well as the face. Collars are made from either one piece which are folded in half to make the collar or two pieces which are sewn together to make a fashionable and stylish collar. If a man is judged by the kind of accessories he wears, a woman, well, she is judged by everything. By everything we mean, everything she wears comes into spotlight when it comes to presenting herself in a social gathering or official space. A reflection of her inner self, each detail of a woman's outfit should be impeccably worn. And there we shall discuss about collar styles of her shirts. There are some collars that fit well with certain fashion clothing than others. For example, shawl collars do look nice on blouses, coats and jackets for women. Some other women blouses or children's clothes look great when they have sailor's collar or Peter Pan collar on them. Collars started out as something of a dilemma to me as for many others when I started to sew. But they are such an unavoidable design feature that there is a need to know the types of collar around and the

way to sew them if you are seriously into sewing. Types of women's collars are part of fashion styles.

Terminology

- **Band** - a strip of fabric that fastens around the neck, perpendicular to the body of the garment, to which a collar proper may be attached.
- Collar stiffeners, bones or stays - strips of baleen, metal, horn, mother of pearl, or plastic, rounded at one end and pointed at the other, inserted into a man's shirt collar to stiffen it and prevent the points from curling up; usually inserted into the underside of the collar through small slits but sometimes permanently sewn in place.
- **Points** - the corners of a collar; in a buttoned-down collar, the points are fitted with buttonholes that attach to small buttons on the body of the shirt to hold the collar neatly in place.
- **Spread** - the distance between the points of a shirt collar.
- **Stand** - the band on a coat or shirt collar that supports the collar itself.

TYPES

The different styles of collars give it its different names. Basically there are just 3 types of collars – the stand collar, flat collar and the roll collar.

The names are self explanatory enough Stand collar fits around the neck. It is basically a band which stands upright on the neck. Roll collar is a stand collar which is then folded or rolled over Flat collar is found flat on the shoulders. All the others are variations of these basic styles.

There are some more styles of women dress collars

Straight Collar

Popularly called as the basic shirt collar, the straight collar is the most formal type of collar. Worn mostly for official purposes, this type of collar is typically made out of cotton and belongs to formal office wears and pairs impeccably well with a blazer. Straight collars made in chambray look good on casual tops too.



Peter Pan collar

This rounded-edged collar is known for its semi-formal appeal. They are typically seen sitting top button-down blouses. This sort of collar is back in fashion, and when edging of the collar marries the lace or some sort of bling, then it makes for an irresistible combination.



Detachable collars

Known for their round neck or V-neck charm, the detachable beauties are mostly available in vivid colours to give a boost to your overall look. Some might even make you use studs to fasten them to a shirt.



Turtleneck collars

Known for their high knitted appeal, these collars sit around the neck and are typically known for this turned down.



Sailor collar

Linked deeply with the United States Navy image, the sailor collar is quite in vogue for their double square panel and middle V-neck appeal. Tie a loose scarf under this vintage collar to give a new-age style and class.



Mandarin collars

Inspired from the typical stand up cheongsam collar, these Chinese-inspired collars are known for their standing charm. The centre front of mandarin collar might be squared or curved in shape giving the shirt a close and structured fitting.



Rolled collars

Rolled collars are known for their standing upright at the edge of the neck and the rest folding downwards appeal. The fall of the collar is similar to the roll line, hence the name rolled collar.



Flat collars

These types of collars fall flat on the dress line and are quite plain in their look. This is one of the best collars to play around with; accessorising or putting a statement neckpiece underneath the collar for that glam effect.



Bertha collars

Seen mostly with a large round and flat shape around the low v-neck cut, the bertha collars are one of the most popular Victorian era collars. They look super sophisticated on gowns and can uplift your everyday casual-formal look with panache.



Jabot collars

Jabot collars are pure love for lace and old-world charm. They are designed in a way that the square fabric over the breast comes around like a ruffle. Nowadays available in a lot of detached forms, these stalwarts can be attached to any V-neckline or round neckline garment to give that extra oomph factor to your overall look.



Shawl Collars

A shawl collar is a combination of the lapel and the top of the collar that gives it that rolled image. It is a type of rolled collar that has a stand and a deep v-neck. This type of collar neckline can be found on women blouses or jackets.



Shirt Collars

This is a type of women collar that can have one or two pieces. A one piece collar folds down over the stand. And a two pieces collar are the ones the collar stand are cut separately and are then joined together to form a collar stand.



Butterfly collar

A variation of the wing tipped collar with large lapels. Windsor collar or spread collar – a dressier collar designed with a wide distance between points (the spread) to accommodate the Windsor knot tie. The standard business collar.



Wing collar – best suited for the bow tie, often only worn for very formal occasions.



INNOVATION: All collars play different roles for different dresses. In Today's Fashion, BERTHA collars are mostly used for dresses, tops and women's shirts, and girls like it most because it gives different look. Bertha collar look like cape collar but with some variations. We can use bertha collar as a cape collar with increase length and width. Bertha collar is used in ancient times but in Today's modern world bertha collar is mostly used with laces, and crochet work. As we talk about JABOT collar, girls like it most. We can use this collar as formal way and in formal way this is look like center bow with two falling ends.

Conclusion

The article concludes that although, the collars are very important factor for women's dress. They enhance their beauty and look.

The shape of collars is also controlled by the shape of the neckline to which they are attached. Most collars are fitted all around; if the garment opens down the front, the top edges may be folded back to form lapels and a V-shaped opening, and the cut of the collar will be adjusted accordingly.

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