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The New Woman: Fashion from 1910 to 1929

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The early 20th century was a period of gradual yet profound change for American women. In 1920, after decades of struggle, women secured the right to vote. This era also witnessed a broadening of career options for women, as traditional barriers began to erode.

Fashion served as a vivid reflection of these societal changes with women's clothing evolving dramatically in response to the era's newfound freedoms and opportunities. Women's fashion evolved from the highly structured, modest styles of the early 1900s to the more liberated, androgynous looks of the 1920s, before settling into a softer, more feminine silhouette in the 1930s that was heavily influenced by Hollywood.









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