

A-DRESS-A-DAYBOOK 2008

*being a handy vade mecum to the days
and weeks of the year, noting impor-
tant holidays and holy-days, including
the wit and wisdom of the fashionable
and the fashion and style of the witty,
and giving ample space for recording
one's own thoughts and reflections,
should one have any.*



MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year's Day

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

All women's dresses are merely variations on the eternal struggle between the admitted desire to dress and the unadmitted desire to undress.

~Lin Yutang

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

SATURDAY JANUARY 5 ~ SUNDAY JANUARY 6

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Ankles are nearly always neat and good-looking, but knees are nearly always not.

~Dwight D. Eisenhower

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

SATURDAY JANUARY 12 ~ SUNDAY JANUARY 13

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

You come out of *Gone With the Wind* feeling that history isn't so disturbing after all. One can always make a dress out of a curtain.

~Dilys Powell

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

SATURDAY JANUARY 19 ~ SUNDAY JANUARY 20

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

Martin Luther King Day

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

National Pie Day (US)

[January 21 is also St. Agnes' Day] Upon St. Agnes' night, you take a row of pins, and pull out every one, one after another. Saying a pater-noster, stick a pin in your sleeve, and you will dream of him or her you shall marry.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

SATURDAY JANUARY 26 ~ SUNDAY JANUARY 27

Australia Day

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

The jean! The jean is the destructor! It is a dictator! It is destroying creativity. The jean must be stopped!

~Pierre Cardin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Bachelors Day

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2 ~ SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3

Groundhog Day ~ Candlemas

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Mardi Gras

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

To be well turned out, a woman should turn her thoughts in.

~Mainbocher

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Chinese New Year

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9 ~ SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

All who walk on St Valentine's Day should wear a yellow crocus; it is the saint's especial flower and will ward off evil in love.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16 ~ SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Presidents Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Elegance is good taste plus a dash of daring.

~Carmel Snow

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23 ~ SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

In America as well as in England leap-year is considered the one year when the maidens have the privilege to propose to young men; if a man refuses a leap-year proposal he must pay the penalty of a silk gown and a kiss.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Leap Day

SATURDAY MARCH 1 ~ SUNDAY MARCH 2

MONDAY, MARCH 3

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Elegance is the result of a natural equilibrium between simplicity, looking after oneself, and intelligence.

~Giorgio Armani

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

SATURDAY MARCH 8 ~ SUNDAY MARCH 9

Daylight Savings Time Begins (US)

MONDAY, MARCH 10

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Look for the woman in the dress. If there is no woman, there is no dress.

~Coco Chanel

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

SATURDAY MARCH 15 ~ SUNDAY MARCH 16

MONDAY, MARCH 17

St Patrick's Day

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

In east Yorkshire is the saying that the birds (especially rooks or 'crakes') will spoil the clothes, unless the person wears something new on Easter day.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

First Day of Spring

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Purim

SATURDAY MARCH 22 ~ SUNDAY MARCH 23

Easter

MONDAY, MARCH 24

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

The clothes in themselves do not make a statement. The woman makes the statement and the dress helps.

~Jean Muir

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

SATURDAY MARCH 29 ~ SUNDAY MARCH 30

MONDAY, MARCH 31

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

April Fool's Day

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

International Children's Book Day

SATURDAY APRIL 5 ~ SUNDAY APRIL 6

If you have your clothes mended upon your back, you will be ill spoken of.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

A man should look as if he bought his clothes with intelligence, put them on with care, then forgot about them.

~Hardy Amies

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

SATURDAY APRIL 12 ~ SUNDAY APRIL 13

MONDAY, APRIL 14

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Friday and Monday are unlucky days for women born in April.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day (US)

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

SATURDAY APRIL 19 ~ SUNDAY APRIL 20

Passover

MONDAY, APRIL 21

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Earth Day

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23

Isn't elegance forgetting what one is wearing?

~ Yves Saint Laurent

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

ANZAC Day

SATURDAY APRIL 26 ~ SUNDAY APRIL 27

Easter (Eastern Orthodox)

MONDAY, APRIL 28

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

Glamour is what makes a man ask for your telephone number. But it also is what makes a woman ask for the name of your dressmaker.

~Lilly Daché

THURSDAY, MAY 1

Beltane ~ May Day

FRIDAY, MAY 2

SATURDAY MAY 3 ~ SUNDAY MAY 4

MONDAY, MAY 5

Cinco de Mayo

TUESDAY, MAY 6

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

It is said that he who does not wear new clothes on Whit-Sunday [Pentecost],
forfeits his good luck for a year.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

FRIDAY, MAY 9

SATURDAY MAY 10 ~ SUNDAY MAY 11

Pentecost

MONDAY, MAY 12

TUESDAY, MAY 13

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Elegance is innate. It has nothing to do with being well dressed. Elegance is refusal.
~Diana Vreeland

THURSDAY, MAY 15

FRIDAY, MAY 16

SATURDAY MAY 17 ~ SUNDAY MAY 18

MONDAY, MAY 19

Victoria Day (Canada)

TUESDAY, MAY 20

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

To call a fashion wearable is the kiss of death. No new fashion worth its salt is ever wearable.

~Eugenia Sheppard

THURSDAY, MAY 22

FRIDAY, MAY 23

SATURDAY MAY 24 ~ SUNDAY MAY 25

MONDAY, MAY 26

Memorial Day (US) ~ Bank Holiday (UK)

TUESDAY, MAY 27

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Hair style is the final tip-off whether or not a woman really knows herself.

~Hubert de Givenchy

THURSDAY, MAY 29

FRIDAY, MAY 30

SATURDAY MAY 31 ~ SUNDAY JUNE 1

MONDAY, JUNE 2

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

National Tailors Day (US)

I have never known a really chic woman whose appearance was not, in large part, an outward reflection of her inner self.

~Mainbocher

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

SATURDAY JUNE 7 ~ SUNDAY JUNE 8

MONDAY, JUNE 9

Queen's Birthday (Australia)

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Thursday is a lucky day for opening a shop or wearing jewelry.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

SATURDAY JUNE 14 ~ SUNDAY JUNE 15

Flag Day (US)

Father's Day (US)

MONDAY, JUNE 16

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

A woman who doesn't wear lipstick feels undressed in public. Unless she works on a farm.

~Max Factor

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

Juneteenth

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

SATURDAY JUNE 21 ~ SUNDAY JUNE 22

MONDAY, JUNE 23

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

In my estimation, the only thing that is more to be guarded against than bad taste is good taste.

~Russell Lynes

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

SATURDAY JUNE 28 ~ SUNDAY JUNE 29

MONDAY, JUNE 30

TUESDAY, JULY 1

Canada Day

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

A woman's dress should be like a barbed-wire fence: serving its purpose without obstructing the view.

~Sophia Loren

THURSDAY, JULY 3

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Fourth of July

SATURDAY JULY 5 ~ SUNDAY JULY 6

MONDAY, JULY 7

TUESDAY, JULY 8

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

I've had my best times when trailing a Mainbocher evening gown across a sawdust floor. I've always loved high style in low company.

~ Anita Loos

THURSDAY, JULY 10

FRIDAY, JULY 11

SATURDAY JULY 12 ~ SUNDAY JULY 13

MONDAY, JULY 14

Bastille Day

TUESDAY, JULY 15

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

“Style” is an expression of individualism mixed with charisma. Fashion is something that comes after style.

~John Fairchild

THURSDAY, JULY 17

FRIDAY, JULY 18

SATURDAY JULY 19 ~ SUNDAY JULY 20

MONDAY, JULY 21

TUESDAY, JULY 22

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

[on the miniskirt] Never in the history of fashion has so little material been raised so high to reveal so much that needs to be covered so badly.

~Cecil Beaton

THURSDAY, JULY 24

FRIDAY, JULY 25

SATURDAY JULY 26 ~ SUNDAY JULY 27

MONDAY, JULY 28

TUESDAY, JULY 29

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Clothes never shut up.

~Susan Brownmiller

THURSDAY, JULY 31

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Lammas

SATURDAY AUGUST 2 ~ SUNDAY AUGUST 3

MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Bank Holiday (Scotland)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

A little of what you call frippery is very necessary towards looking like the rest of the world.

~ Abigail Adams

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

SATURDAY AUGUST 9 ~ SUNDAY AUGUST 10

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

It is unlucky to sew on Sunday unless you take the precaution not to wear a thimble.
It is unlucky to use scissors on Sunday.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

SATURDAY AUGUST 16 ~ SUNDAY AUGUST 17

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Bad Poetry Day

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

She wears her clothes, as if they were thrown on her with a pitchfork.

~Jonathan Swift

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

SATURDAY AUGUST 23 ~ SUNDAY AUGUST 24

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Bank Holiday (England and Wales)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Women's Equality Day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Fine clothes are good only as they supply the want of other means of procuring respect.

~Samuel Johnson

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

SATURDAY AUGUST 30 ~ SUNDAY AUGUST 31

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Labor Day (US)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Ramadan

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

To jump over a dress when finished is a certain means of preventing its return for alterations.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Be Late for Something Day

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6 ~ SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Clothes which make a woman's life difficult and handicap her in competition with men are always felt to be sexually attractive.

~Alison Lurie

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13 ~ SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Talk Like a Pirate Day

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20 ~ SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21

It is said to be particularly bad luck to join a secret society on Tuesday, especially if it is in the full of the moon.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

First Day of Autumn

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Women are most fascinating between the ages of 35 and 40 after they have won a few races and know how to pace themselves.

~Christian Dior

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27 ~ SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Rosh Hashanah ~ Eid al-Fitr

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Her frocks are built in Paris but she wears them with a strong English accent.

~Saki

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4 ~ SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Brevity is the soul of lingerie.

~Dorothy Parker

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

Yom Kippur

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11 ~ SUNDAY OCTOBER 12

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Columbus Day (US) ~ Thanksgiving (Canada)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

It's what you leave off a dress that makes it smart.

~Nettie Rosenstein

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Dictionary Day

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18 ~ SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

International CAPSLOCK Day

I despise simplicity. It is the negation of all that is beautiful.

~Norman Hartnell

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25 ~ SUNDAY OCTOBER 26

Mother-in-Law Day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

When in doubt wear red.

~Bill Blass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

Halloween

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1 ~ SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2

All Saints' Day

Daylight Savings Time Ends (US)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Guy Fawkes Day (UK)

Nature gives you the face you have at 20; it is up to you to merit the face you have at 50.

~Coco Chanel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8 ~ SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans' Day ~ Remembrance Day ~ Armistice Day

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

In a Balenciaga you were the only woman in the room—no other woman existed.

~Diana Vreeland

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15 ~ SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 ~ SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23

When you find a button, if you pick it up and put it in your shoe, you can have the next thing you wish for.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

It is as absurd to suppose that everything fashionable is bad, as it would be to suppose that everything unfashionable is good.

~ Alfred Momerie

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving (US)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29 ~ SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

SATURDAY DECEMBER 6 ~ SUNDAY DECEMBER 7

Good humor is one of the best articles of dress one can wear in society.

~William Makepeace Thackeray

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Human Rights Day

Fashion is only the attempt to realize art in living forms and social intercourse.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 ~ SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

It is proper to greet your friends with a pinch when they make their first appearance in new clothes.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20 ~ SUNDAY DECEMBER 21

First Day of Winter

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Hanukkah

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Where's the man could ease a heart
Like a satin gown.

~Dorothy Parker

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

Boxing Day ~ Kwanzaa

SATURDAY DECEMBER 27 ~ SUNDAY DECEMBER 28

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

NOTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve

Calendars received about Christmas time should not be hung on the wall till the new year, as it is unlucky to do so.

PRESENTS (RECEIVED)

PRESENTS (GIVEN)

THINGS I KEEP FORGETTING

THINGS OTHER PEOPLE KEEP FORGETTING

THAT STUFF (YOU KNOW)

WHY NOT?

PARTING SHOTS



ABOUT THIS BOOK

This daybook/calendar was made for the best of reasons: because I could. And because there were innumerable other things I should have been doing instead.

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