

# **COSTUME ON**

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## **MUFFS WORKSHOP:** **FUNCTION, FASHION & FUR**

Teacher: Catherine Scholar

3 hours, \$45 per student

Make a fabric or faux fur muff, appropriate for 17<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> century.

Muffs have been a practical and fashionable accessory for centuries. They keep your hands warm, and can double as a purse or reticule with the addition of a handy interior pocket. We will make a mid-size fabric or faux fur muff with an interior zipper pocket... yes, the zipper isn't historically accurate, but it keeps your phone and credit cards secure. I will send a handout and cutting instructions in advance of the class. Probably electronically, although I might choose to snail mail it.

Students will cut out their fabric and, if desired, trim their fashion fabric in advance of the class.

### **Supplies needed:**

-Fashion fabric – taffeta, satin, wool, fake fur, velvet: 24"x15" (24" goes with the nap). This is a MINIMUM: if you are ruching or pleating your fabric, you will need to add length and/or width accordingly.

-Lining – satin, sateen, taffeta: ¾ yard

-10" zipper OPTIONAL

-Ribbon or cord: 2 yards for neck strap, OR ½ yard for wrist strap

-Any desired trims: tassels, pompoms, ribbon, fringe, lace, sheer overlay, ruching, applique, beading, ruffles, pleats, anything you can imagine

-Thread to match

-One crib-size package of high loft quilt batting

Together we will look at some historical examples of muffs and their accessories, and then make our muffs. We'll be ready for winter costume excursions once quarantine is over!