Celt Description

The Celts were incredibly vain and obsessed with their physical appearance.  Both Celtic men and women were tall, well-built and muscular.  They had long red or blonde hair, blue eyes, and fair skin.

Celtic men whitened and spiked their hair using a chalky substance called lime-water.  They shaved their body hair and, at least in Britain, tattooed themselves with blue ink made from woad.

Noble men grew long moustaches that often covered their mouths.  “Consequently,” says Diodorus, “when they are eating, their moustaches become entangled in the food, and when they are drinking, the beverage passes, as it were, through a kind of strainer.”[[2]](https://justinmccarthyorg.wordpress.com/2020/06/08/physical-appearance-of-the-celts/#_ftn2)

The Celts wore bright, colourful cloaks that they embellished with tartan patterns.  These cloaks were often fastened with an iron or bronze brooch at the shoulder.

Celtic men wore pants known as *bracae* (“breeches”) which covered their legs entirely. Women wore long skirts which wrapped around their waists and extended down to their calves.  The skirts were made of tweed woven with bold check patterns.  Such garments have been found by archaeologists in Denmark and Austria.

Celtic women loved jewellery.  They wore enamelled bronze bracelets and anklets as well as torcs around their necks.  Some wore necklaces made from glass beads or coral.

They grew their hair long, wore braids and used pins to hold together elaborate hairstyles.  Make up was also common among Celtic women.  This included nail polish, blush and eye-shadow.  Apparently Celtic fashion trends spread to the ladies in Rome!