
Costume & Design for Theatre

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Costume
Clothing and Dress
Church Vestments
Costume Design
Costume Designers
Military Uniforms
Clergy--costume
Dressmaking
Tailoring
Cosmetics
Fashion
Jewelry
Masks
Theatrical Makeup

Subject Headings for Architecture & Interiors

Architecture, Domestic
Dwellings
Historic Buildings
Interior Architecture
Interior Decoration
Furniture
Furniture Making

Helpful Headings for finding pictures of historical periods:

United States--History--20th century
United States--Social life and customs

Subject Headings for Design

Theaters—Stage-setting and scenery
Stage lighting

Library of Congress Classification

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PN 2000-3300	Dramatic representation. The theater
NK	Decoration and Ornament, Interior decoration, Home decoration
NA	Architecture
GT 500-2370	Dress. Costume
TT	Dressmaking

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