

Formal Mess Ball (Black Tie)



Ladies

- Floor length evening gown
- Matching clutch
- Statement necklace or earrings
- Elegant arm jewellery

Gents

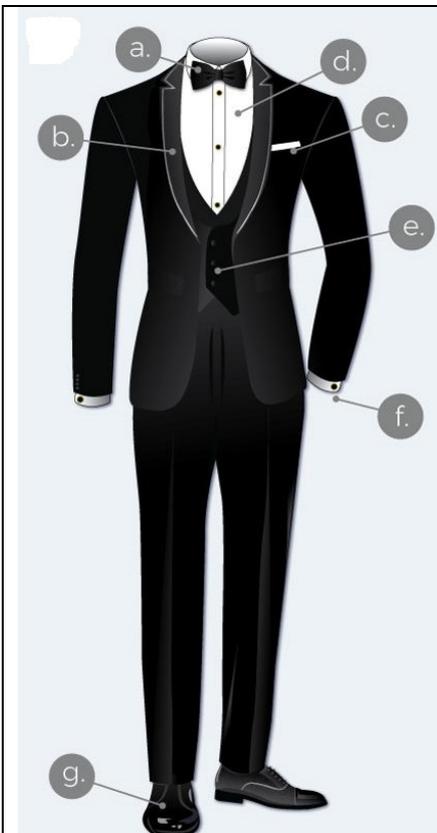
- Black tuxedo
- Black bow tie
- Solid white coloured shirt with cuffed sleeves
- Cuff links and smart dress watch
- Black shoes and socks

Just pretend you are going to dine with the Queen

When in doubt, stick to timeless looks.

Mens Evening Wear - Black tie

- For men, the elements of black tie are a suit of black or midnight blue wool, in which the jacket lapels and trouser braid are of silk or other contrasting material, a white dress shirt, a black bow-tie, an evening waistcoat or cummerbund and black dress shoes.
- The elements of black tie unlike white tie, a man has sartorial options in choosing his dinner jacket and accessories.



Classic Look

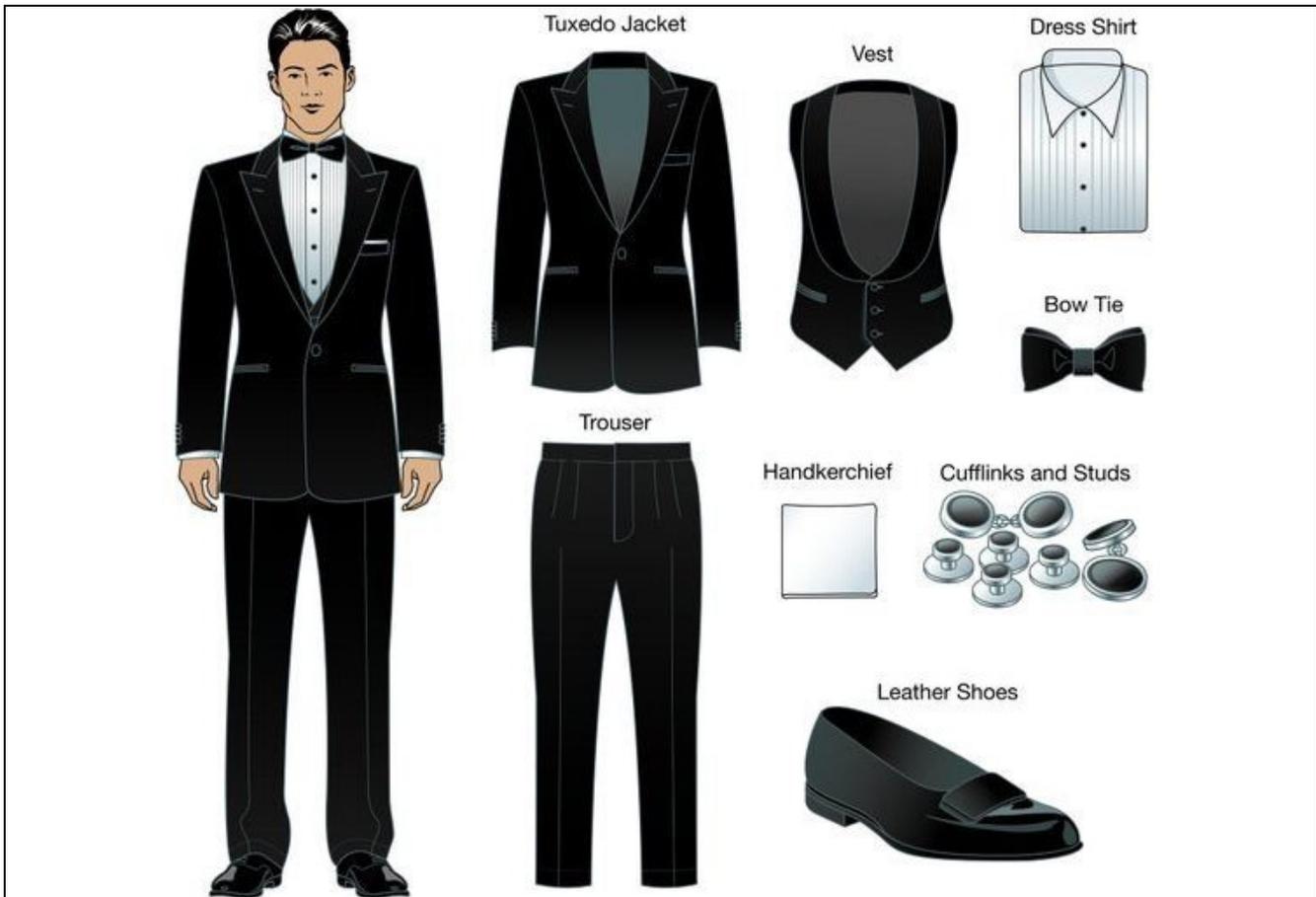
- a. Black bow tie
- b. Single breasted tuxedo jacket with notch lapels or with satin peak lapel
- c. White square pocket
- d. Solid white dress shirt with button studs or tuxedo pleat shirt and French cuffs
- e. Waistcoat or cummerbund
- f. Onyx cufflinks
- g. Polished dress or black patent leather Oxford shoes
- h. Black flat front tuxedo trousers with satin stripe or outer seam

Optional

- Boutonnière, pocket square, opera scarf
- Jacket button chain
- Waist should not go uncovered

The elements of a traditional black-tie ensemble are:

- Short or medium black jacket which may have grosgrain- or satin-faced lapels
- Black trousers with or without silk braids matching the lapels
- A black cummerbund or a low-cut waistcoat
- A white dress shirt with either a marcella or a pleated front
- A black silk bow tie
- Black dress socks, often made of silk
- Black patent leather shoes or highly polished black leather shoes



Ladies Evening Wear - Black tie

- For Ladies 'ladies equivalent dress' can be complicated as it varies.
- Generally dress, says simply that women should wear a formal evening gown or a full-skirted ballgown.
- A long dress or skirt remains the safest option for all, as it is always special, and appropriate to any black-tie event.
- As a rule dresses should cover the knee and whilst dining the shoulders should be covered.

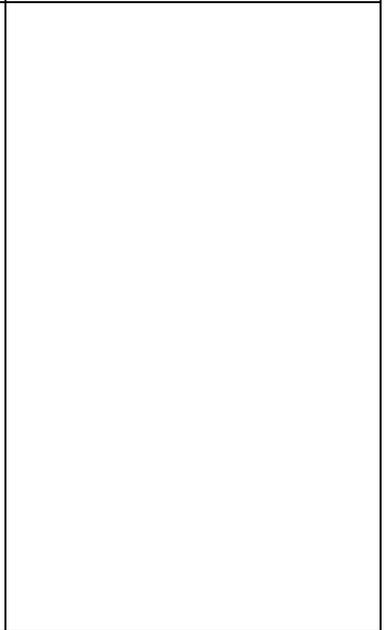
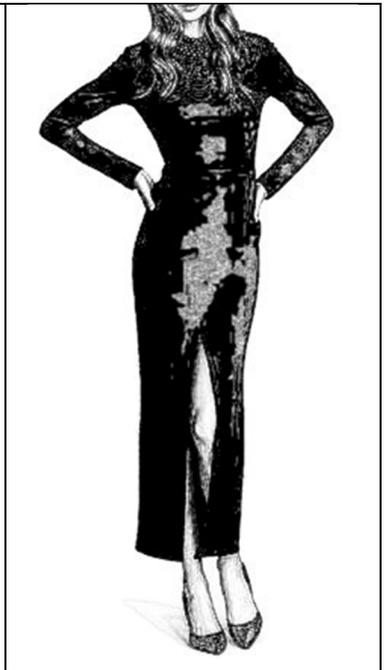
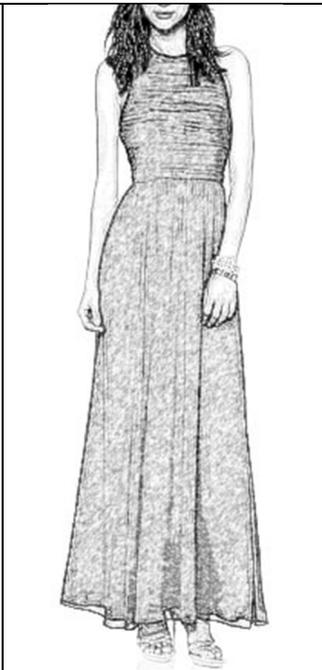
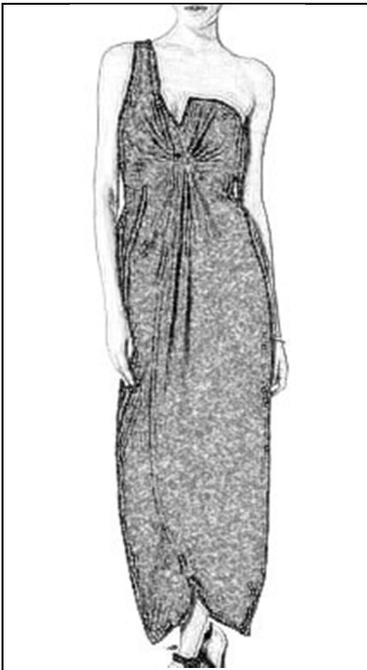
Ideas for formal evening dresses for ladies



Black Tie Event – Women

- A full-length gown is most appropriate
- Accessorise with elegant jewellery
- Finish with a pair of standout heels





Mess Dress

- Serving personnel and non-serving personnel may wear their arm-of-service, regimental or unit Mess Dress as per applicable dress code.
- Mess uniform is equivalent to the civilian black tie and evening dress.
- Stylistically, the mess uniform varies according to the wearer's regiment or corps, but usually comprises a short Eton-style coat reaching to the waist. Some include white shirts, black bow ties, and low-cut waistcoats, while others feature high collars that fasten around the neck and corresponding high-gorge waistcoats.
- The stiff shirt and wing collar were abolished for mess dress in the 1960's.

Examples of Mess Dress;

