



Careers

What is it?

Costume Designer

Costume Designers are responsible for the overall look of the clothes and costumes in theatre, film or television productions.

Day to day tasks

- Study the script to understand costume requirements.
- Discuss ideas with the director, and with production, make-up, lighting and set designers.
- Research suitable costume designs and fabrics.
- Sketch costume designs.
- Give instructions to makers, wardrobe supervisors and assistants.
- Filter, alter and adapt costumes.
- Make sure wardrobe items are available at the right time.
- Create costumes to fit the products design concept and budget.
- Keep the look of the costume the same between shoots and scenes.

Qualifications

You will need five or more GCSEs, including English and Maths including a creative/Art based subject.

Salary

Ranging from £16,000 for starters, rising to £35,000 when qualified.

Jobs and labour market

Nationally, the workforce is projected to grow by 0.7% over the period to 2027, creating **600** jobs.

In the same period, 57.8% of the workforce is projected to retire, creating **49,600** job openings.

Growth
0.7%

Replacement
57.8%

Routes into the industry

To become a Costume Designer:

- An apprenticeship
- College course
- University Course
- Employment/volunteering with a company that provides costumes for stage and screen.
- Attend specialist course.