This page exists within the Old ArtZone Wiki section of this site. Read the information presented on the linked page to better understand the significance of this fact.

**Viking**

Rule number one - no horned helmets 😊

Early Medieval Scandinavians were not just raiders although Viking is used as shorthand for their culture. They were great traders, sailing down the Volga to Byzantium and along the coast of Europe to the Mediterranean. Alongside this they explored westwards to found colonies in Iceland and Greenland as well as visiting North West America. Scandinavians occupied parts of the UK, Ireland and France. The Norman aristocracy were descended from a Norseman called Rollo. The Orkney and Shetland Islands were Scandinavian until well into the medieval period. The Byzantines employed Scandinavian mercenaries and formed a special section of the Imperial Guard known as the Varangian Guard from the 10th century.

They traded fur, amber, whalebone, walrus and narwhal ivory, which were luxury goods in other parts of Europe and the Byzantine Empire. In return they brought back exotic goods such as Byzantine, Persian and oriental silks, glassware, precious metals as well as wheat, salt, wine wool and honey.

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### Models and Textures

#### Viking Pack for Michael

This is a reasonably accurate set including the baggy trousers. Well there are some add-on horns for anyone wanting comedy Vikings. This is for M1 and never updated.

#### Norse Villager Expansion

Texture sets for the Viking Pack with equipment for a shepherd, a skald (bard), a blacksmith and a beserker warrior
**Drakkar** Viking long boat - basic model with sail, oars and shields.

“Some pictures of Viking warships show the ships sailing with shields tied over the oarports. This is wrong - the shields would only have been tied like this when the ships were in port. The shields were essential for protection in battle and Vikings would not want to risk dropping them overboard.”

National Maritime Museum London website

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**Jormungandr** Texture set for Drakkar model based on Norse designs

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**Small Viking house (Vue)** Small house of wood and turf based on archaeological evidence. By Steve Paul at Cornucopia3D

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**Viking hall (Vue)** Long hall based on archaeological evidence. By Steve Paul at Cornucopia3D

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**General Links**

Wikipedia article on Vikings

BBC History pages on Vikings

The Viking Answer Lady - very good site with information on daily life and clothes

Swedish Historical Museum exhibition

York (UK) excavations - The Viking city of Jorvik
Dublin and Ireland Excavations and remains

Viking Art Styles - chronology of the main styles of art. How to tell your Jellinge from your Ringerike.

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**Clothing and Pattern Links**

Viking Clothing Resource - huge amount of information. Some can be found below as particular topics

Reconstructing the Costume of the Viking Age

Personal Display - Showing power and status

Shoes with drawings and construction

Trousers (Pattern)

Tunic (Pattern)

The Viking Apron-Dress (Pattern)

Danish 10th century Apron-Dress(Pattern)

Hair and caps includes making a female cap

Finds from York - Sock, knife and jewellery

Bone and antler items - Viking boneworking

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These are in Swedish but Google translate helps out there 😊 Some of the reconstruction details have been questioned.

Viking male clothes

Viking female clothes

Viking warrior clothes

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**Fabrics**

Tablet weaving

Dyes and Mordants

Metallic trims

Nålebinding (stitches)
Embroidery

Embroidery stitches and designs

Spinning mostly spindle whorls

10th century linen scan of cloth and how to make the weave

Buildings

Hedeby/Haithabu reconstructions in German Reconstructions of buildings and harbour from important Viking period city

Jarlshof site, Shetland Remains of buildings from Shetland settlement

Danish buildings Photos of reconstructed Viking age buildings in Denmark and at Hedeby

Books and Articles

Elizabeth Wincott Heckett 2003 Viking Age Headcoverings From Dublin

Lilli Fransen 2010 Medieval Garments Reconstructed: Norse Clothing Patterns - these are mostly later garments based on excavated material from Greenland

Medieval

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