



Collection Corner: Woman's Swimsuit

Circa: 1890-1900

Women in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries wore black wool bathing suits, often featuring a sailor collar. These suits were worn over bloomers or drawers that were trimmed with ribbons and bows. The bathing costume was typically accessorized with long black stockings, fancy lace-up bathing slippers and caps. By the end of the 1800s people were flocking to the Oceanside beaches for popular seaside activities such as swimming, sun bathing and diving. Although the bathing suits appeared cumbersome, women were able to enjoy a leisurely swim while still remaining modest.

The bathing suit pictured below is from the museum's collection. It was originally black, however due to wear, sun damage and dye bleeding, it now has greenish hue.

*What does your swimsuit look like? What material is it made from?
What Oceanside activities do you enjoy?*





Ocean Fun Word Find Puzzle

Find these words in the puzzle below.

Ocean

Swimsuit

Crab

Beach

Sandals

Sun Glasses

Fish

Sand

Sea Shell

Water

Sunscreen

Sunshine

W H B T N E F X L N S S S L R
U A A M H E N L N U E D I V X
J B R D S H E I N N A I E F D
Z E C A N H B S H N D I V L O
J L F U S A C A D S W O O G T
Q B N A B R S N Q I N A K D J
Y U E X E C Y D O J G U T O B
D S J E F B D A C N E U S E N
A G N K V P D L E O H H F D R
Y J N F M G P S A Y R O R U V
A P I M H W P G N L J B J K D
E S H T I U S M I W S R J A W
H I B E A C H R R F O L O B V
S E S S A L G N U S W Q W Y E
A A B Z B M T Z L F K C D T R

