

# Simple Middle Ages Costume Ideas

These fun and easy Middle Ages costume ideas use simple household items. Perfect for homeschool parties, history days, or dress-up events — comfortable, creative, and budget-friendly!

## Peasant / Villager

- Plain shirt or oversized T-shirt as a tunic
- Belt made from string, rope, or scarf
- Dark pants or skirt
- Optional: vest or apron made from a pillowcase with armholes
- Props: wooden spoon, basket, or plastic cup

## Knight

- Gray or silver shirt (or foil arm bands for 'armor')
- Dark pants or jeans
- Belt for sword
- Cardboard shield with hand-drawn crest
- Cardboard sword wrapped in foil
- Helmet: silver-painted bowl or paper crown
- Optional: bath towel cape

## Princess / Lady of the Court

- Long dress or bathrobe
- Ribbon or scarf as belt
- Cardboard or gold paper crown
- Braided hair or ribbons
- Optional: fabric flower or small book prop

## Prince / Nobleman

- Button-up shirt or tunic-style top
- Scarf or tie as sash
- Dark pants• Cape made from towel or blanket
- Paper crown or decorated headband
- Optional: paper 'royal scroll'

## Forest Elf / Archer

- Green or brown shirt and pants
- Rope or scarf belt
- Cardboard bow and arrow (string and paper)
- Leaf crown or paper headband with taped leaves
- Optional: cloak made from old blanket

## **Cook / Baker**

- White shirt or apron
- Head covering (pillowcase or towel tied around head)
- Wooden spoon or whisk as prop
- Optional: flour or baby powder 'smudges'

## **Monk / Friar**

- Brown robe or oversized T-shirt
- Rope belt
- Sandals or brown socks
- Optional: paper cross necklace or small 'book of prayers'

## **Squire (Knight's Helper)**

- Tunic-style shirt (long T-shirt or pillowcase with armholes)
- Rope or scarf belt
- Pants or leggings • Cardboard shield or banner
- Optional: towel cape or foil 'armor'

## **Merchant**

- Vest made from old T-shirt or pillowcase
- Plain shirt and pants
- Rope belt
- Basket or bag with pretend 'goods'
- Optional: foil coins for trading

*Tip: These costumes work best when kids get creative! Mix and match materials, keep it comfortable, and remember that imagination is the best accessory.*