

## **Clothing, Bags And Shoes**

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Now you may not think clothing, bags and shoes would be collectable items but there may be some high priced collectables hiding in your wardrobe. This very specialised area of collecting is all about who designed it, how usable the item is, and how wearable.

As a general rule this is exclusively the domain of women's clothing and accessories – sorry fellers. One of the most important factors is who made or designed the item, and the bigger the name the more the item could be worth. The major French fashion houses will top the list of the most expensive, with names like Chanel, Louis Vuitton, Hermes, Christian Louboutin and Jimmy Choo just to name a few. As women's clothing, shoes and bags are all about fashion, the more fashionable the item the more it will bring today. A good example of this could be the Dior dress from the 1930's. Yes, it may have been totally out of fashion in the 1980's and 1990's but as the fashion cycle turns full circle it is now the hot fashion item.

As with all types of collectables the condition of the item will have a direct effect on the value of the item. If you have the designer shoes from the 1960's they will have almost no value if the kids have used them in the "Dress up box". But the same shoes in good condition could be worth hundreds of dollars.

Even the old suit case that all those old clothes are stored in could be worth big money. I was reading one of the English antique trade papers and a Louis Vuitton cabin trunk sold for over \$50,000- not bad considering you can't use it to fly anywhere today.

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