

UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATERS

While there are a few who enjoy Christmas sweaters and find them adorable, others may feel differently. Popular descriptions of Christmas sweaters include: ugly, itchy, oversized and uncomfortable. Yet, for many, those descriptions are part of why Christmas sweaters can be so endearing. They are something that someone has put heart and effort on, knitting or picking out a sweater to wear once a year. Christmas sweaters are seemingly becoming part of the spirit of the holiday. Ugly Christmas Sweater parties where families, friends or coworkers gather to gift and wear this festive attire are becoming more common. In fact, there are Christmas sweaters for pets as well. It is clear that Christmas sweaters are everywhere this time of year, yet not many people really know how they became so popular and such a potentially lasting part of the holiday season.

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HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS SWEATERS

As America was going through a post-war transition after World War II, the advertising of Christmas was facilitating itself in thrilling ways. This included the introduction of holiday-themed apparel, including the Christmas sweater, which was not seen as a joke then as it is now. In fact, it became a necessity for people to wear when going out caroling, opening presents with the family and during any event throughout the holiday season.

Around the 1980s, Christmas sweaters became a more commonly known fashion style. As they gained their popularity through multiple television series and films. As the characters began to wear them, the sale rate of Christmas sweaters reached an all-time high.

In later years, Jordan Birch, a woman who wanted to help raise money for her friend who battling cancer, held an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" party as a fundraiser. Her diligent efforts not only helped to raise money for a good cause, but also helped put her in the epicenter of Ugly Christmas sweaters all around the world.

Today, ugly christmas sweaters have become a staple of the holiday season. Today, clothing manufacturers have continued to try and out-ugly themselves every year with outrageous designs and tacky accessories including lights that work. The christmas sweater has become the key clothing piece everyone must obtain and has also become an entire industry itself.

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TRADITIONS

As many people know, ugly holiday sweaters are a common tradition with many friends and families. The most common form of this tradition is parties and competitions. Numerous families, clubs and companies hold these competitions each year, awarding prizes to those who wear the most gaudy creations.

For some families, the meaning of the sweaters are special. They could be made by a member of the family. Wearing the sweaters during the holidays could be seen as a way to express their love for that person.

These sweater competitions are not only seen in families but in offices as well. Some offices host an annual ugly Christmas competition with its co-workers. In several cases, there are also raffles and fun games to go with the party. Of course, there would be food and drinks as well. The employees could have a moment to celebrate the end of the year and also socialize.

Ugly Christmas sweaters have become the center of Christmas traditions; they serve as a way to have fun during the holidays and to bond with others.

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CHRISTMAS SWEATER DESIGNS

Sweaters were traditionally made out fleece or wool as this material dried out quickly and kept fishermen warm. Seeing as it is the coldest time of the year for half of the world, giving sweaters on Christmas has quickly become a tradition. While people still give the classic sweater, there are all types of sweaters. For example, some sweaters match the holiday and others try to be funny.

Unlike casual sweaters, christmas sweaters are bright and festive. These sweaters use colors like green, blue, red, white and yellow. They are often decorated with symbols and silly phrases. The bright colors are used to represent happiness and relate to the holidays. For example, bright blue and white sweaters are commonly used to celebrate Hanukkah, green used for Christmas trees and is a symbol that spring will come after. While red is associated with Santa and Saint Nicholas, a bishop who wore red robes. The colors of holiday sweaters come from colors that have had long associations with their respective holidays. People have begun adding parts of their history onto the sweaters.

While many sweaters are decorated with traditional snowflakes, dreidels, reindeer or Kwanzaa kinara, many sweaters have begun using popular television shows and films for ideas. television shows. Often intended to be unappealing, the sweaters are made to make people laugh.

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1. Santa Claus; 2. Knit; 3. Mistletoe; 4. Present; 5. Hamukkah; 6. Chimney; 7. Reindeer; 8. Gingerbread; 9. Kinara; 10. Elves; 11. Cookies; 12. Wreath; 13. Ornament; 14. Kwanzaa; 15. Nutcracker; 16. Dwall; 17. Stocking; 18. Angel

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