

How to Tie a Tie Video

History of the Necktie

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The "How to Tie a Tie Video" will provide you with easy to follow instructions that will make tying a tie as easy as tying your shoes.

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The Fascinating History of the Tie.

Neck tie facts: Most American and European ties are typically 3 1/4 - 3 1/2 inches in width and standard tie length is 56 inches with longer ties for taller men measuring 60 inches. Different tie knots use different lengths of tie. If you are taller or using a short tie consider using a [Pratt](#) or [Four-in-Hand](#) knot, which use less length to tie. A properly fit tie should be snug without being tight and end with the point of the tie extending just beyond the belt. To get a tie to end up at the proper length, start by placing the tie around you neck and notice where the narrow side of the tie ends. If the tie, when tied, is too short or too long you can use this information to make the correct adjustment.

Neckties have been with us for at least as far back as the Quinn Dynasty, some 2000 years ago. Shih Huang Ti's Terracotta Warriors wore silk cords around their necks as signifiers of their elite status. Roman orators were said to have decorated their necks with a form of tie to warm their throats. During the thirty Years War, France recruited Croatian mercenaries who wore, what would later be called Cravats by the French, colorful kerchiefs around their neck. French soldiers took on the style and eventually being taken up by the court of King Louis XIV, he even went so far as to appoint a tie maker to the king, whose job was to prepare and mind and tie the kings ties. By the mid 17th century the tie craze had spread across Europe.

In 1924 Jesse Langsdorf patented the modern tie. His experience as a tailor led him to discover that if the fabric were cut at a 45-degree angle it would have an inherent elasticity and more appealing drape. The result was a more aesthetically pleasing tie and a more durable and long-lasting tie. His patent is the template for manufactures worldwide.

Today a suit a tie when paired with a well-fitting suit and dress shirt provides a way for a man to display his individuality and good taste.

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