

Costume Guidance for Members of the Great Livery Companies

The Livery Companies are:

Mercers
Grocers
Drapers
Fishmongers
Goldsmiths
Merchant Taylors
Skinners
Haberdashers
Salters
Ironmongers
Vintners
Clothworkers



You can find out more about each Livery Company and see their coats of arms here: <https://inspiringcity.com/2013/07/27/the-great-12-livery-companies-of-the-city-of-london/>

For a Livery Company Member costume:

- 1) Start by wrapping up in warm, waterproof clothing – preferably in dark/neutral colours.
- 2) Over the top of your practical clothes, add a black gown. An academic gown or graduation robe is ideal for this – but if you don't have one of those to hand, you can find a simple pattern for a robe here (although make it in black... you are not a Jedi yet) <http://www.forum.rebellegion.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=36267>
- 3) Add a black bonnet. You can use a large, soft black cap for this, but ideally, you want a Tudor bonnet — and you'll find a pattern for making one here: <https://amiesparrow.wordpress.com/articles-classes/tudor-bonnet/>
- 4) Add a sash over your shoulders – this can simply be a long piece of fabric in a block colour (red, green, blue, etc.). Alternatively, a piece of fake fur would also work.
- 5) Add some bling – you want something gold, that will mimic a ceremonial chain of office. A gold chain or coin belt, worn as a necklace, is ideal. Alternatively, thread a gold-coloured medallion onto a long piece of coloured ribbon and wear that around your neck.

For images and inspiration: The Twelve Livery Companies are still in existence and their costumes have not changed much, over the centuries (see photo, above) – take a look at some more modern-day Livery Members here:

<https://www.liverycompanies.com/armourers>