

The Vikings

Year 5 Term 4



The Vikings came from three countries of Scandinavia: Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The name 'Viking' comes from a language called 'Old Norse' and means 'a pirate raid'. People who went off raiding in ships were said to be 'going Viking'.



The Viking age in European history was about AD 700 to 1100. During this period many Vikings left Scandinavia and travelled to other countries, such as Britain and Ireland. Some went to fight and steal treasure. Others settled in new lands as farmers, craftsmen or traders.

Viking art, also known commonly as **Norse art**, is a term widely accepted for the [art](#) of [Scandinavia](#) and [Viking](#) settlements further afield—particularly in the [British Isles](#) and [Iceland](#)—during the [Viking Age](#) of the 8th-11th centuries



Viking Helmet Designs



Making a Viking Helmet

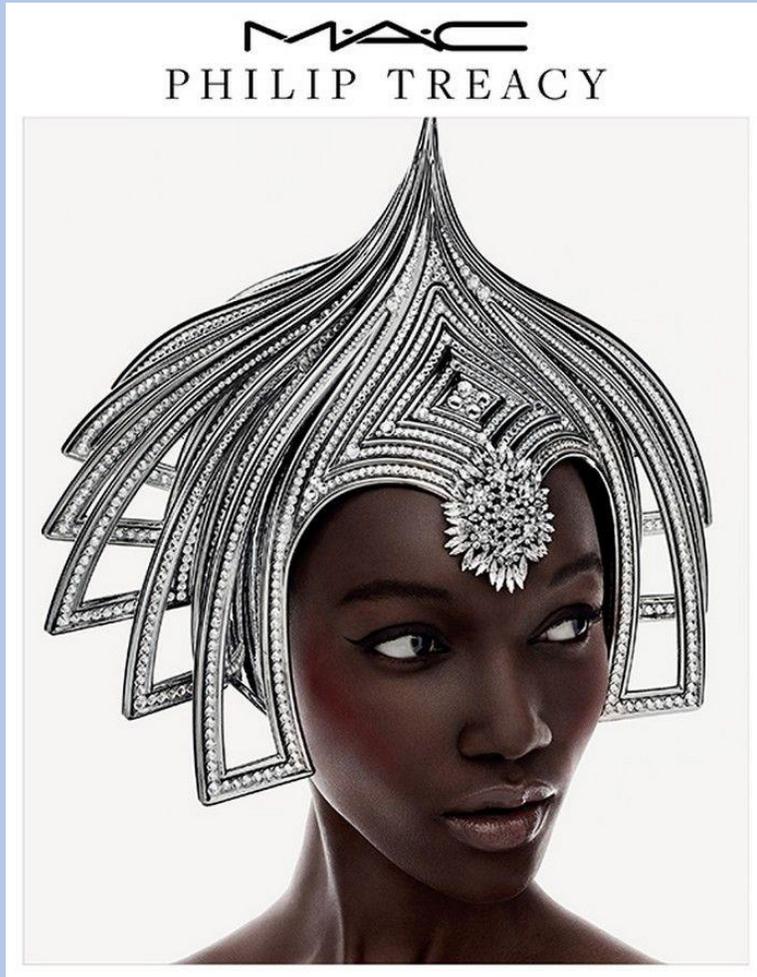
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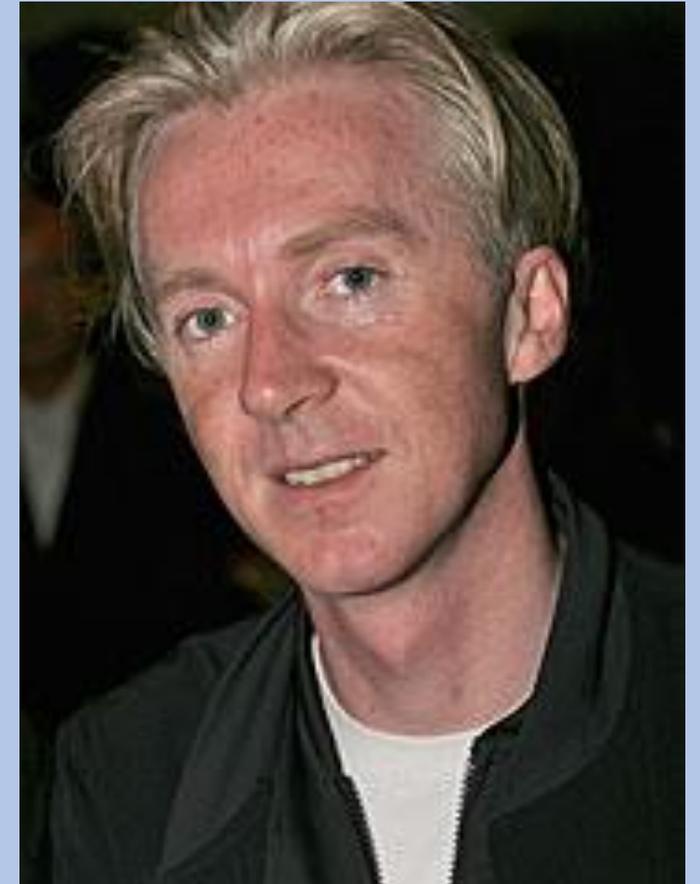
Adorning your Viking Helmet as a Fearsome warrior of the 21st Century



Philip Treacy OBE- Famous Exotic Hat Designer



- Born Ireland 1967
- Brought up on a chicken farm
- Studied at Royal School of Art, London
- Now has a very successful business designing and making hats for celebrities and wealthy clients











Hendrick Kerstens - Photographer

- Born Holland 1956
- Famous for a series of photographs of his daughter wearing exotic headwear



















Viking Shields



Viking Shield Designs



- Archaeologists have not found much evidence for complete shields, although parts of the fittings have been found, like the central boss.
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- Circular shields were up to a metre across and made of a single layer of planks fitted together. There was a central hollow iron boss to protect the hand, a handle (grip) riveted to the back, and bindings on the rim, sometimes made from leather.





- Some of the pictures of shields in Viking art show simple pinwheel and spiral designs.



The kite-shaped shield was introduced from around 1000 AD. You can see this represented on the bayeux tapestry, which records the events of 1066. The designs on the shields on the tapestry include crosses, patterns made up of dots, and quite a few strange looking creatures.

