

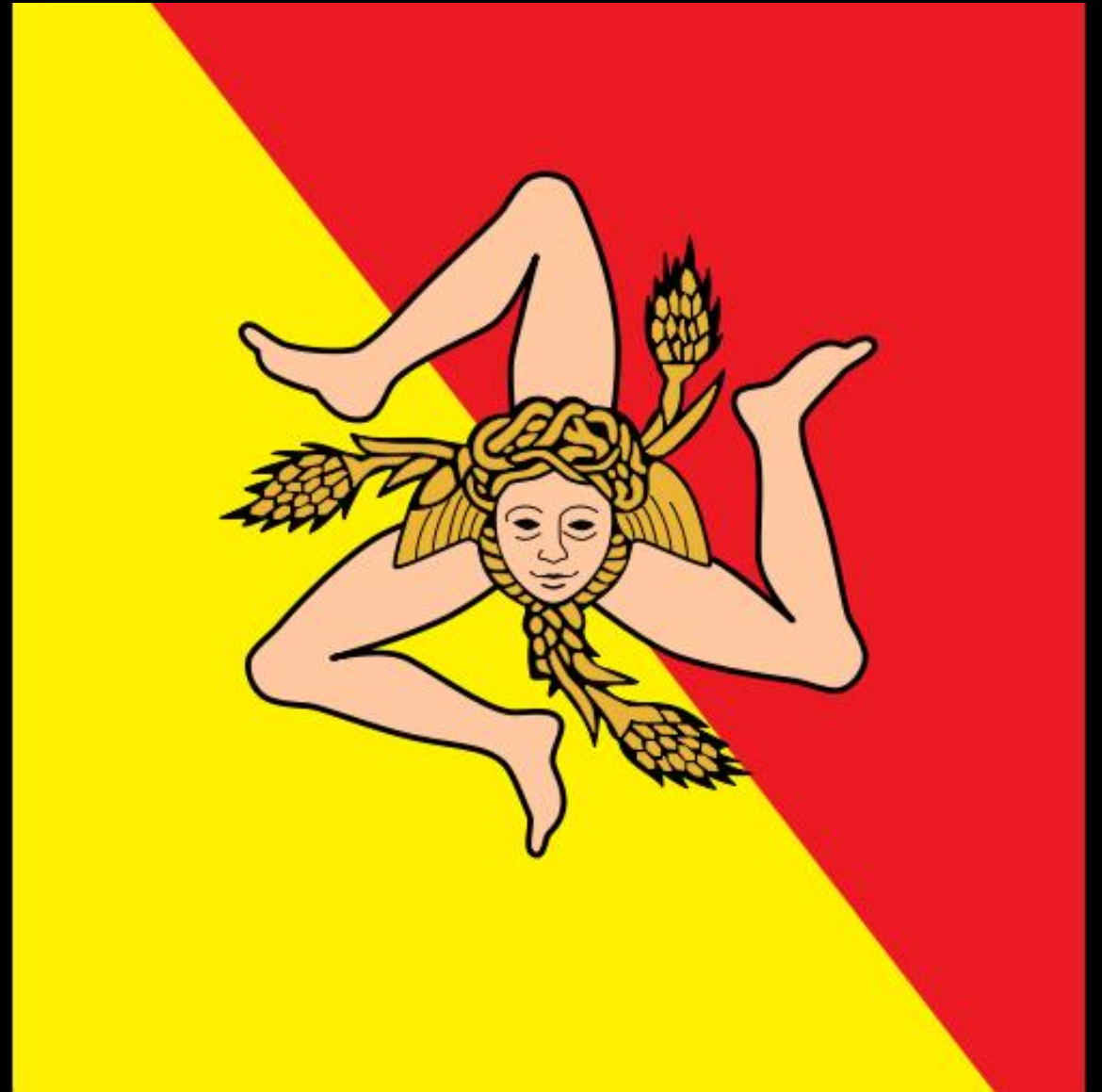


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Sicilian Fashion

The **Sicilian fashion** is a stunning medley of traditional and modern styles. First of all, you must know that in Sicily, fashion is not only clothing, but also accessories, shoes and precious fabric you can wear whenever you want. It does not matter if all the items of the Sicilian fashion are made by popular brands or unknown designers, because these items are themselves a brand! Here is what happens to the Sicilian things: just be Sicilian to be a brand!





In Sicily, the **traditional fashion** was made of clothes which were worn on the occasion of religious holidays or historical reenactments. Often, these local events gave rise to the so called **Sicily street fashion**. These ancient clothes are still used in small inland villages. However, some of these traditional clothes, such as the handkerchief on the head and the apron on the gown aren't worn not even in their modern version, anymore. The traditional ladies and men's fashion in Sicily consisted of several clothes made with shapes, materials and different colors. Furthermore, traditional clothes for the daily life were different from the ones for holidays. I explained these differences in the paragraphs below.

Truth to tell, Sicily women always were black dressed from the head to the feet to mourn their deceased ones. That way of dressing was used to exhibit their grief in front of others. Today, shawl is one of the most demanded symbols of women's Sicily fashion. Just think that I have a wonderful wool black shawl I also wear in the winter over colored evening dresses. I am not a **Sicily fashion blogger**, but as a Sicilian woman, I love wearing Sicily fashion items.

After the 1950s, the Sicilian shawl became a symbol of feminine seduction and charm, thanks to stunning colored and creative models, not only in wool, but also in cotton thread and lace. **Sicily lace** would deserve a post aside, because its story is as ancient as the one of Sicily's fashion is. Sicily shawl can also be crocheted. That is another unmissable cloth in your wardrobe. Lace and crochet shawls are the most refined clothing that a woman can wear to boost her femininity and get sexy and seductive.



The typical Sicilian women's clothing was made of:



- the fadedda, a linen, cotton or lame long skirt slipping up to the feet, fastened with a waist belt and enriched by a petticoat,
- jippuni, a heavy blouse made with the same fabric of the fadedda,
- a coloured handkerchief put on the shoulders and pinned on the breast,
- apron,
- azur socks,
- black shoes,
- a cloth on the head.