

[Forward to the Past - Retro T-Shirts](#)

The t-shirt began its journey in the world of fashion, in 1901, as a humble underwear and, aided by the helping hand of the US Navy and the icons of the tinsel world, is now ruling the roost of haut couture in every nook and corner of the world. There is no field which has not found the t-shirt as a medium of expression.

In the span of over a century, the t-shirt has touched everybody and everything in every conceivable way and has kindled every kind of emotion known to the human mind. Thought provoking expressions splashed across it have made people stop and ponder, jokes have had them doubled up with laughter, mild to extreme ridicule of practically any subject, person or walk of life has been the order of the day and some have been downright rude and offensive that just reading them might have made a decent person gargle in disgust.

In the fifty years since it became a popular item of wear, the t-shirt has been used in umpteen number of ways, leaving its mark on just about any subject under the sun. It is a media of expression of practically everything that you can think of and some more. Touching every possible human emotion, it has endeared it self in such a way that it is a national phenomenon. From infants to seniors every one sports them. It has evoked good healthy laughter, raised serious issues, made people smirk, ridiculed just about any topic and has also been blatantly nasty.

Fashion, inexorably, has to travel in circles; that is they revert back to an older style. Something like going forward to the past. Trends in dress design appear, fade away and make a recovery. They necessarily have to. The reasons are many. In the case of t-shirts, the jokes, messages, catchphrases, pictures that appeared on them become irrelevant as times change.

This is where the concept of "Retro" comes into play and which refers to anything that was once in fashion but had slowly faded away to give place to more contemporary designs and material but are now making a come back. There are retro dresses, there are retro shoes AND there are retro t-shirts. These shirts, like the "Flash Gordon" t-shirts and those that pictured some of the great rock and roll singer or jazz musician of the yesteryears could create a reminiscence that weaves a magical fabric in one's mind's eye. So might some quotes, jokes, pictures or graphics.

Retro t-shirts are just as fashionable as the current ones with their fancy catchphrases and, courtesy the computers, the psychedelic graphics. Some might even make a craze. Fashion is as unpredictable as the weather. Every retro-t-shirt has a message from the past that could be relevant today.

In as much as there is no discrimination of age in the wearing of t-shirts, one with a picture of Louis Armstrong could cloud the eyes of some senior citizen and there lies the potential for great gifts. The demand for these t-shirts shoots up during carnivals and sports events.

In as much as retro t-shirts are staging a strong comeback, they can be purchased off the shelf or if a person happens to find a picture, joke or catchphrase from those days of yore that one thinks is relevant to the present times or could make a unique statement, then al one has to do is get on the Internet and get a customized retro t-shirt made and delivered. Could make a happy time travel too.

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