

## Eight Ways to Raise Your Steampunk Fashion Game

*Of course, jewelry isn't the only accessory used by Steampunks to augment their clothing. Here's a complete list, to deck you out from head to toe. Just remember—if you encounter a Steampunk more enamored of the “punk” than the “steam,” you may be jeered at for being a dandy.*

### HEADGEAR

The discerning Steampunk understands that a bare scalp may indicate a bare brain beneath. For this reason, it's important to consider headgear carefully. “Headgear” is a wide-ranging term that includes fascinators, formal hats, and work hats. If you like, you can even build a city above your brows.



### GOGGLES

There's really no way to complete your sky captain ensemble without the customized goggles worn by seasoned aviators. Goggles come in a cornucopia of styles and shapes, so you can find the one pair that definitively fits your distinctive optical nerves.



### FINGERLESS GLOVES

Steampunks need to be fashionable but also able to jumpstart that greasy, rumbling perpetual motion machine that always seems on the verge of failing. Fingerless gloves allow mobility and practicality while adding an extra touch of “fashion garnish.”



### TOOLS/WEAPONS

Whether carrying them or wearing them on belts, Steampunks need their tools. You never know when a contraptorsaurus might be in need of a good smack across the boiler, or when that irksome neighbor who insists on delivering his faux Renaissance Fāire spiel at the drop of a hat needs a good imaginary raygunning.





### **POCKET WATCHES**

Although women indeed carry pocket watches, this is one of those few accessories more common with the gentlemen. As with goggles, pocket watches come in all shapes and sizes while retaining that one essential temporal function: to make the wearer look elegant and sophisticated, and *in the moment*.



### **SOCKS/STOCKINGS**

Sadly, most men do not look good in stockings and therefore have no recourse but socks. For women, however, stockings are an excellent option for the housing of legs and provide additional protection against the elements, which is particularly useful in the colder climes. In areas prone to airship battles, you may want to consider metal stockings.



### **BOOTS/SHOES**

Will your footwear be as distinctive as your clothing? This is the most important question. Just as a Steampunk's choice of headwear opens a discussion and makes a statement, so too footwear determines whether you end your fashion conversation with an exclamation point or a question mark.



### **SPATS**

What is a shoe without a spat? It is akin to a lively argument initiated silently, without the tongue. If you lack spats, which cover the instep and ankle, you are, in Steampunk terms, practically a nudist.