

# THE HISTORY OF THE UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER

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A sweater is a kind of **knitted** top, and knitted **garments** have been around much longer than the **infamous** Christmas sweater. Knitted clothing is created through the process of using **needles** to **loop** or **knot yarn** together to form a piece of **fabric**.

An ugly Christmas sweater is any Christmas-themed sweater that could be considered **in bad taste**, **tacky**, or **gaudy**.

The general consensus is that the more embellishments—**tinsel**, reindeer, Santa Clauses, candy canes, elves, presents, etc.—the uglier the sweater.

It's hard to say who invented the first ugly Christmas sweater. As a matter of fact, we can presume that ugly sweaters were **designed** with the original intention of being **fashionable**. It's only because of ever-changing fashion **trends** that sweaters once deemed acceptable are now considered ugly.

## Inspired by the '80s

As a clothing item, ugly sweaters were often featured on **situation comedies** in the 1980s. They were mostly cardigans, buttoned down the front. The Christmas theme entered around the same time, with the first mass-produced Christmas garments being made under the name of "jingle bell sweaters" during the '80s as well.

## TOOLBOX – FIND THE TRANSLATION IN THE TEXT

	Tricoté		Tissu
	Des tendances		A la mode
	Infâme, tristement célèbre		Sit-Com
	Aiguilles		Noeud
	Guirlandes de Noël		Kitsch
	Vêtement		Boucle
	De mauvais goût		Voyant
	Fil, laine		Conçus