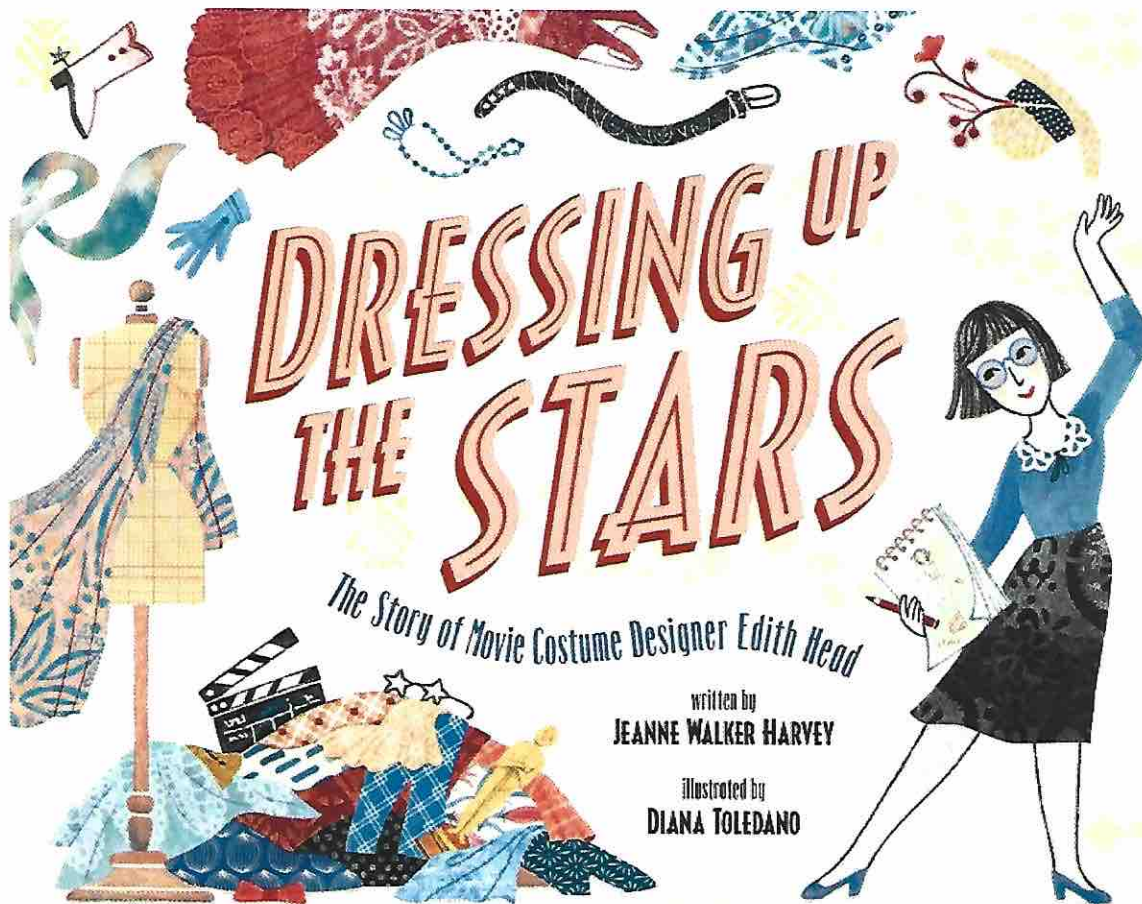


COSTUME DESIGN AND ILLUSTRATION



Jeanne Walker Harvey's book *Dressing Up the Stars: The Story of Movie Costume Designer Edith Head* tells the true story of how a shy miner's daughter became one of the most legendary costume designers in Hollywood in this inspiring nonfiction picture book biography. Edith Head became the first woman to head a major Hollywood movie studio costume department and went on to win eight Academy Awards for costume design—her designs defined the style of an era.

Costume design is an important part of moviemaking. The clothes actors wear help them to fully become their characters. The **costume designer** is responsible for taking the movie script, working with the director and production designer, and using the situation, location, culture, time period, and story to create drawings of each costume. **Costume design illustrations** can include fabric swatches and notes from the designer to detail how each character should look. The illustrations are their own beautiful works of art!

Let's Explore!

On Level 2 of the *Stories of Cinema* exhibition, in the Identity: Costume Design gallery you will see displays of costumes and costume illustrations from movies such as *Labyrinth* (1986), *Dick Tracy* (1990), and *Mirror Mirror* (2020).



Think About...

While in the gallery:

- What are some movie characters that have exciting, funny, or spooky costumes?
- How do the costumes help tell the story?
- How would the story change if the character's costumes were radically different?

When creating your illustration:

- What story do you want to tell?
- Imagine the situation, location, climate, culture, age, wealth, and story of your character. How can you illustrate those details?
- What kind of costume do you want to create?
- How does your costume allow us to learn more about your character?

Let's Create!

Now that you've explored the costumes and costume illustrations, use the materials and directions below to make your own illustration.

Materials

- Illustration board
- Paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Fabric swatches
- Scissors
- Tape

Steps for Costume Design Illustration

1. Choose fabric swatches. Be inspired by the colors and textures of the fabric to create your costume.
2. Sketch out your design on a piece of paper.
3. Take your illustration board and with your pencil draw your character and their costume.
4. Use markers and colored pencils to complete your illustration. Use your fabric swatch colors, patterns, or texture for reference.
5. Write costume and character details next to your character. What is their name? Where are they from? What do they do in your story?
6. Tape your fabric swatches on your board next to your design.