

YouTube is a great place to find 1920s film footage & movie clips.

Fashions of the 1920s

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pwG-kRiO-Y>

(Spans the decade; longer/fuller and more exotic clothes from the first half of the decade; more streamlined toward the end. Also includes some stage performances in dance costume.)

Flappers – The Roaring Twenties

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3svvCj4yhYc&feature=related>

The Roaring Twenties

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaaHR-yQvCw&feature=related>

1920s – The Charleston

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJC2lzzkwoE&feature=related>

To Live in the 1920s

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=684n8FO68LU&feature=related>

Driving around NY city 1928:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkqz3lpUBpO>

Hollywood star Dolores del Rio with her dog! Fabulous!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vhgnAzWC8s&feature=related>

SILENTS & EARLY TALKIES

Films depicting speakeasies:

Duke Ellington & Fredi Washington in *Black and Tan Fantasy* (1929) – short film that shows the famous speakeasy, the Cotton Club, and its dancers. It is in three parts on YouTube. Be prepared for some racially stereotyped characters.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVcJ8IKjdYo>

Bessie Smith in *St. Louis Blues* (1929) – movie short, only film version of her singing famous hit. Lots of good costume details on audience at a more regular speakeasy (albeit probably a Hollywood set) than the ritzy Cotton Club. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iQ7S2w6v2No>

Fashion in film:

Color Fashion Show from 1929 (with Rosetta Duncan, Vivien Duncan, Lawrence Gray)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZktevPe9p8&feature=related>

Dancing in film:

Rudolph Valentino dancing the tango in *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* (1921)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7RCRlnsbeO>

Joan Crawford in scenes from “Our Dancing Daughters” (1928)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPEzC37nBq8>

By the way, the leg skin showed in this film is a Hollywood fashion, probably drawn from Cotton Club style, and is not typical of late ‘20s fashion or evening wear for regular janes.

Joan Crawford in *Hollywood Review of 1929* – in a more typical outfit, singing & dancing.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3nYzoKV-lw&feature=related>

Various film scenes:

Rudolph Valentino & Rosa Rosanova in *Blood & Sand* (1922) - when skirts were long and before the cloche hat!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSkAVoNOW3Y>

Ramon Navarro in *Ben Hur* (1925); the fabulous chariot race:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WF2NAaQyVBk>

Harold Lloyd & Jobyna Ralston in *The Freshman* (1925)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jC5Sxtj3HQU>

Greta Garbo & John Gilbert in *Flesh and the Devil* (1926)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4clKGiF-3o>

Rudolph Valentino and Vilma Banky in *The Son of The Sheik* (1926)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OAlbfZRCvY&feature=related>

Clara Bow in scenes from *It* (1927), with the song that was written for her as the "It Girl"

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dxo_99eaEEA

Mary Pickford in *My Best Girl* (1927)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yz9D2NFa9vo>

Marion Davies, William Haines, and Charlie Chaplin in *Show People* (1928)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2w8WhfVn9fY>