

Aztec Women's clothing and Jewelry

Clothing and jewelry was important for an Aztec woman. Women who were commoners could not wear the same type of jewelry that were worn by noble women. This was even enforced by law in ancient Aztec society. The Aztec woman would wear her hair long and straight, and it was only the priestesses who cut their hair short or bald.

The Aztec Woman at Home

At home, the Aztec woman is the cook and the housekeeper. She would spend hours grinding maize, used for making flour and tortillas. She would also take care of dogs and turkey, their main source of meat.

When a baby is born and the mother decides if she would like her to be a priestess. If so she would take the young baby to the temple, and later when the girl turns five years old, she is taken back to the temple to learn writing and reading the calendar.

Aztec girls

If an Aztec girl was not taken to the temple to become a priestess, then she would remain at home and do domestic chores by watching and copying her mother. By the age of seven an Aztec girl is given various household chores and also taught how to weave and grind corn. The little girls were not allowed to speak up generally and to talk to boys was forbidden at this age.

By the age of fifteen, the Aztec girls would go to school to learn more weaving and decorative skills like feather making. Aztec girls could even get married at this age, it was not uncommon, or they may wait until they finished school which would be at around twenty years old.