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While visiting your local hat shop you are bound to see many hat styles that you are unaware of. Fashions and styles are always changing; however some seem to stay around forever. Here's a quick review of some of the latest hat fashions as well as some old favorites.

The cowboy hat is one of the all time favorites, and it's not just for ranchers either. Many people who love country & western styles and music also love to wear the cowboy hat. These hats aren't just for men anymore; you can find many women in brightly colored and decorated cowboy hats.

Another popular choice is the top hat which is more frequently worn for formal events, such as weddings and proms. Even women have begun wearing top hats, although those are usually decorated with flowers, tulle, lace, ribbons, etc.

The sailor hat also known as a boater, made its debut during the 1800's. This straight brim hat is stiff and made of straw with a ribbon band and flat crown. Although not quite as popular today, this hat was enjoyed mainly by women and children.

Do you remember Jacki Kennedy in a small hat with straight sides and a flat crown? This hat was called a pill box and was popular in the 1960's. Once women saw how cute the pill box looked they just had to have one for themselves.

The bowler hat, also called a Derby, has turned up sides, a rounded brim and a low crown. The bowler is usually made of hard felt as it was introduced to offer protection for the head while horseback riding. This is still a popular choice for women and children today.

The fedora hat, which was originally for men, has now made its way into women's mainstream fashion. Women are now seen in fedoras that are highly decorated with bows, ribbons, tulle, etc to simply plain. Men still look great in fedoras too, although I doubt they would decorate theirs.

Lets not forget the baseball hat that has been around for a long time. Just about everyone owns one of these as they are so versatile and come in so many different colors, styles, themes, etc.

So no matter what your style there is a hat out there for you. Whether you want to dress up, look classy, feel beautiful or just hide a bad hair day - it's hard to go wrong with a hat.

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