



OBJECT ID	1993.22.1
OBJECT NAME	Vest
DATE CREATED	1954
ALTERNATIVE NAME	Evzone Vest
MEASUREMENTS	39.5300200000 cm. H x 37.6250200000 cm. W Dimensions don't include the sleeves. Since this is a textile, dimensions may change depending on how it is displayed., Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Velvet
OBJECT ENTITIES	Kollintzas, Elaine (collected by)
RELATED ITEMS	Belt, 1993.22.2 Handkerchief, 1993.22.3 Doily, 1993.22.4
ACCESS POINTS	Evzone Vests

## OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Maroon velvet evzone vest with gold braiding and studs. The inside of the vest is pink, and there is a clasp at the top of the front. The costume looks child-sized. The vest has a straight line of golden braiding around the edges and seams. The collar has two rows of wave-like golden braiding, followed by another straight line. The front of the vest is symmetrical, and each side has a row of straight braiding, followed by a row of wavy braiding, followed by another row of straight and wavy. Then, the braiding forms a crisscross pattern. This is followed by another row of wavy and straight, then there are ten studs. After the studs, a row of wavy and straight braiding goes down the front of the jacket like the others, then makes a right angle about two inches from the bottom of the jacket and continues along the back until it reaches the other side. The back features alternating straight and wavy braiding that form a V, and there are three rows of each. the vest also had two long pieces of fabric, like the top part of a sleeve, that are attached only at the back. They are bordered with a wavy and straight line, and the design is made out of a wavy line bordered by two straight lines. The design starts at the furthest point of the sleeve, then angles upward before going back down slightly (the two sides of the design come together here to make almost a heart shape) before going back up to make an arrowhead shape. The outside of the fabric has been sewn in on the opposite side.

## ORIGIN

The Evzones, or Evzoni, is the name of several historical elite light infantry and mountain units of the Greek Army. Today, it refers to the members of the Presidential Guard, an elite ceremonial unit that guards the Greek Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Presidential Mansion, and the gate of Evzones camp in Athens.

The unit is famous around the world for its unique traditional uniform, which has evolved from the clothes worn by the klephts who fought the Ottoman occupation of Greece. The most visible item of this uniform is the fustanella, a kilt-like garment. Their proven valour and peculiar dress turned them into a popular image for the Greek soldier, especially among foreigners.

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#### CITATION

Vest, 1954, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://hellenic.whirlihost.com/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/06/24.

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