



Queen Elizabeth II

- ◆ Elizabeth II is the Queen of the United Kingdom. She was born on April 21st, 1926. Her full name is Elizabeth Alexandra Mary and she is the monarch of sixteen sovereign states, their respective overseas territories and dependencies.
- ◆ In 1936, Elizabeth's uncle Edward VIII abdicated, dramatically changing her future – at 10 years old, she was heir to the throne.

Elizabeth at the Royal Lodge in 1936





The sisters with their mother
at Windsor in 1943



The Queen's coronation dress



The George IV State Diadem, officially the Diamond Diadem. Queen Elizabeth II wore the diadem in the procession to her coronation in 1953, and she also wears it in the procession to and from the annual State Opening of Parliament

Buckingham Palace exhibition celebrates Queen Elizabeth's Coronation to mark the 60th anniversary





The elegant Queen Mary's Fringe was originally a necklace given to Queen Mary as a wedding gift by Queen Victoria in 1893.





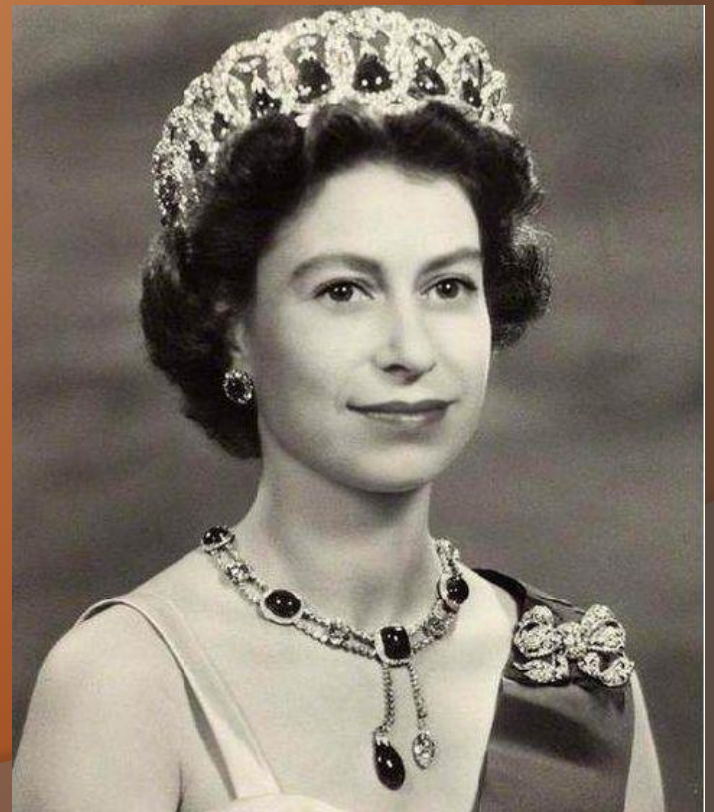
The wedding dress of Princess Elizabeth was worn by the future Queen Elizabeth II at her wedding to Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh on 20 November 1947 in Westminster Abbey. Given the rationing of clothing at the time, she still had to purchase the material using ration coupons. The dress was designed by Norman Hartnell. The dress was made of soft white satin, with a high neckline, tailored bodice and a short train.

Queen Elizabeth II marries Prince Philip





The Grand Duchess
Vladimir tiara.



Russian-style Queen Alexandra Kokoshnik tiara has 488 brilliants and can also be worn as a necklace.



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