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* Member
* 1,082 posts
* Location:Kohler, WI
* Interests:Sailboats, sailing, Geocaching, beer and wine making, cartography, weapon fighting, fiddle.

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What is the difference between a corset and a bodice? Also for you women out their which would you rather wear?

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[**Mary Diamond**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/4625-mary-diamond/)

* It's My Fault
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* Moderator
* 1,050 posts
* Gender:Female
* Location:Illinois
* Interests:Things I Love: Horticulture, Travel, Volleyball, Reading, Sewing, Costuming, Halloween, esp. props!, Halo, Halo2, Halo3, ODST, and, of course, Pyracy.

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[Posted December 23, 2008](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/13917-corset-or-bodice/&do=findComment&comment=334678) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/13917-corset-or-bodice/&do=reportComment&comment=334678)

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Thx Mary. So they are are basically the same thing just different time periods.

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[**Capn Bob**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/8008-capn-bob/)

* Pyrate Captain
* 
* 
* Member
* 559 posts
* Location:Akron OH...which is not where I want to be...
* Interests:Piracy, fishing, piracy, obsidian, gold, piracy, flintknapping (am I the world's first "Caveman Pirate"?), gold, piracy, gold obsidian...and a good slab of bbq ribs.

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Ummm...I don't know what the difference between the two are, but if some nubile wench were to model some for me, so I could get a good hands-on feel for the subject, I could probably tell you...after a bit, and a few days rest...

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[**Capt. Sterling**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/2648-capt-sterling/)

* Sticky Fingers Sterling Needs a New Hat
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* 
* Member
* 10,302 posts
* Gender:Pyrate Hunter
* Location:here
* Interests:Killing pirates, haven't met one yet worth keeping alive....

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basically in the GAoP, you shouldn't see them much on common/proper ladies....

Let me clarify this... in the GAoP they should be worn, but you don't usually see them without some sort of garment over them

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[**Dutchman**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/6150-dutchman/)

* Has anyone seen my cousin?
* 
* 
* Admin
* 1,773 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:tidewater virginia

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[Posted December 24, 2008](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/13917-corset-or-bodice/&do=findComment&comment=334814) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/13917-corset-or-bodice/&do=reportComment&comment=334814)

oh nonono sterling- well there ya have it!

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no what?

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[**MadL**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/6451-madl/)

* Dread Pyrate
* 
* 
* Member
* 1,283 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Where ever I need ta be
* Interests:I like pirates, ye got a problem with that?

Blame me mu'm, she the one who decked me room out like a captain's cabin an' that be what I grew'd up in. Also me pa fer he built boats when I was but a wee lad. Later they ran off an' joined the carnivals, so I learn ta be a scalawag from the best.

I like weapons, some that go BOOM, and always sharp shiny ones.

I work with computers, currently contracted to hire by Xerox, their engineers [I]Need[/I] all the help they can get, this is fer sure! But I also have taught the Microsoft Certification course for a private contact school, an' spent 4 years working third level support at Earthlink before that scalawag Sky jumped ship an' let it go down.

They call me Mad L cuz, well, cuz many think I be mad, mad as a hatter they say but that only because they never jumped from a perfectly good airplane....over a thousand times. They also call me Mad L cuz I don't much like dogs n' cats, but I like things with scales and teeth, even the venomous ones for they be quit tasty when roasted over an open flame....even bet'r wit rum! They also call me Mad L, well, cuz very few know how to say me sir name properly, so in the military they give up and just call me "Mad L"

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So, I like pirates, ye got a problem with that?

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Perhaps in *YER* quarters that be th' case.....I prefer t' know what they be hide'n, far too much room there for hidden treachery.



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\*\*slaps MadL upside the head\*\* In order to know what they are hiding, they need to be removed....geeze do I have to teach ye all EVERYTHING? 

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[**Stynky Tudor**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/202-stynky-tudor/)

* Fugitive at large
* 
* 
* Admin
* 2,339 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Wandering Spanish held Territories of the New World
* Interests:I'm not interested in anything or anybody & I hate you.

([IP: 72.148.237.64](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/modcp/ip-tools/&ip=72.148.237.64)) · · 

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they have t' model them; assemble them like a ship in a bottle do they???

*....gee, I sure hope they use Elmer's glue, it do naught hold up well in water!* 

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* Gender:Female
* Location:Illinois
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Thank you for providing the additional clarification, Captain!

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My Sweet Stynky ~ 

No.

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[**Rats**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/3422-rats/)

* Dread Pyrate
* 
* 
* Member
* 1,095 posts
* Gender:Male
* Location:Whitewater WI.
* Interests:Theft, brigandry, pilfering and bad grammar

([IP: 24.196.145.69](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/modcp/ip-tools/&ip=24.196.145.69)) · · 

[Posted December 24, 2008](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/13917-corset-or-bodice/&do=findComment&comment=334902) (edited) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/13917-corset-or-bodice/&do=reportComment&comment=334902)

Corset or bodice???

No thanks, they only get in the way.... I'll just have the side salad!!! 

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[**LadyBarbossa**](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/profile/408-ladybarbossa/)

* Wealth Redistributor & Mischief Making
* 
* 
* Moderator
* 4,641 posts
* Gender:Female
* Location:The Land Between Two Rivers, aka Iowa
* Interests:18th c Piracy to American Revolution, Victorian Thespians, Equitation, tigers, Friesians, cooking, playing my viola & music in general. Researcher of Major General Baron Johann de Kalb. LOVES the Phantom of the Opera (who's also Brethren)! Transformers, Stargate, Star Trek, Star Wars, NCIS, Bones, The X Files

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[Posted December 25, 2008](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/13917-corset-or-bodice/&do=findComment&comment=334928) (edited) · [Report post](http://pyracy.com/index.php?/topic/13917-corset-or-bodice/&do=reportComment&comment=334928)



Oh, good Lord, gents!

Stynky... and others out there a might bit curious... alas, pictures escape us at the moment to put up. I haven't any readily available to post the difference between the bodice and the corset/stays.

But... for those of ye still in the dark and haven't a clue... check out Jas. Townsed for example:

[http://jas-townsend.com/index.php?cPath=2&...edc617ca4ca936c](http://jas-townsend.com/index.php?cPath=2&osCsid=ade55c82aa13e58eeedc617ca4ca936c)

The bodice ye see at Ren Faires worn by a good many women, well... honestly, I have yet t' see historical documentation on those types fo' th' 18th c at least.

Someday will get ye all some piccies of the difference, mates.

Sterling and Diamond pretty much said it all. Corset/stays = undergarment that is fully boned or half boned. Bodice = NOT an undergarment that is partially boned or not boned at all.

And I prefer wearin' stays than I do a bodice. Again, it's GREAT back support.

~Lady B