

Easter Bonnet

The Easter bonnet actually originated as a European tradition. People would wear new clothes and hats to celebrate the coming of spring and the meaning of Easter. The first bonnets were circles of leaves and flowers to show the cycle of the seasons. It was also a time when many people attended church a few days in a row for Easter, and a time to see who was wearing the latest fashions.

The Easter bonnet was popularized in North America in the 1940s, in Irving Berlin's movie *Easter Parade*, starring Judy Garland and Fred Astaire. The film depicted the Easter Parade, a popular walk people would take Easter morning in New York City that started in 1870. Similar Easter Parades are still held across North America, today.

