

Costume Plot: A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS
by: Robt. Bolt Place: England, 16th. Century

THOMAS CROMWELL: (38 years old Cardinal's secretary and later confidante of Henry VIII)

- * Plain blue-gray wool cloth robe with faded velvet collar, a soft felt hat, Elizabethan style, black hose and black belt.
- * Brown wool cloth robe
- * Black belbet robe with a white rounded collar, a silver chain and medallion, an orange wool over robe with belbet collar

SIGNOR CHAPUYS: (60 years old - Spanish Ambassador)

- * Black wool cloth well-fitted doublet with black belbet train, black velvet belt with silver jeweled buckle, black velvet knee trunks slashed at the bottom, black meire 3/4 length armhole cloak, a light blue meire ribbon with a fancy black and silver cross

ATTENDANT TO S. CHAPUYS: (Young man, apprentice diplomat of good family)

- * A black wool simple tunic, black knee trunks to match, a white shirt with fancy trim, belt, black velvet baret and a black silk cord with medallion
- * A black cloak

WILLIAM ROPER: (32 Years old - Lutheran lawyer in love with Margaret More)

- * A plain black wool tunic, black leather belt, black tights, religious cross worn on a black cord around the neck.
- * A medium gray wool doublet with slashed sleeves, dark blue wool trim, gray wool knee trunks with black stripes, dark blue wool short armhole cloak, white shirt, black hose
- * Gray wool tunic with gold sleeves

HENRY VIII (30 years old, King of England)

- * A doublet of gold metallic brocade, slashed gold satin, gold brocaded knee trunks to match (spiral design), a soft beige Elizabethan hat with feather, a gold leather belt with dagger, golden yellow hose, a gold chain with medallion and a thinner chain with pilot whistle, a white sleeveless shirt

THOMAS CRANMER (48 years old, Archbishop of Canterbury appointed by Henry 8)

- ** Black wool floor-length robe, a white cotton or linen surplice, purple bengaline or meire sleeveless over robe with purple velvet collar and facing, a black felt close fitting hat (St. John's type) and a white sleeveless shirt

A Prop * Ecclesiastic crown (Bishop's mitre)

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THE COMMON MAN: (late middle age) - Plays six different characters

1. Basic costume consists of black undershirt and tights and a black jersey overshirt
2. Stewart or Valet to Sir Thomas More - burnt orange wool cloth coat, soft period hat, prop - large wooden cross hanging from his neck.
3. Beatman - a dark wine, very coarse, wool coat and a soft wool bag cap of the same material
4. Jailer - a leather sleeveless jerkin and a soft period hat
5. Juryman - (called John Dauncey) wears basic black suit with a black juryman's hat.
6. Executioner - Basic black suit with a black skull cap and an executioner's mask

Six (6) prop hats for jurymen, same as the common man in gray ins. black.

SIR THOMAS MORE: (About 48 years old, Lord Chancellor of England)

- * Black wool long robe, a floor-length gray velvet armhole cloak, a black leather belt with buckle, black stockings or tights, a gray velvet hat to match the armhole cloak and shoes.
- * Maroon velvet armhole cloak with brown fur collar, a gold necklace with medallion, gray satin tunic with full sleeves or oversleeves over black robe
- * Old gray cotton shirt, old black robe and a felt hat
- * Prisoner costume - old shabby black robe and shirt

RICHARD RICH: (32 years old * college man, later secretary to the Duke of Norfolk, still later collector of revenues for the State)

- * Black wool short tunic, a white shirt, belt and pouch and a pair of gray tights
- * A dark green faille or bengaline robe, pleated on yoke, a black velvet belt with jeweled buckle, a dull, mustard colored armhole cloak with shawl collar.
- * A gold wool robe with velvet collar, richly dressed, with gold necklace

DUKE OF NORFOLK (Howard - 48 years old, Earl Marshal of England)

- * A green velvet tunic with a pleated skirt, black velvet "V" front and cuffs, front and cuffs studded, black velvet hat with gold trim and studded, ostrich feather, a large gold necklace with medallion, a wide leather belt with dagger.

CARDINAL WOOLSEY: (Old man, Chancellor of England)

- * Red bengaline or meire Cardinal's robe with train, shoulder cape to match, a biretta and skull cap - a prop, duplicate Cardinal's robe and large red felt Cardinal's hat

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LADIES:

LADY ALICE MORE (48 years old - wife of Sir Thomas)

- * A bronze colored antique satin dress with velvet trim, petticoat with ruffle and a headdress
- * White linen nightgown and a night cap
- * A big, coarse cotton apron over first costume
- * Rather plain, poor looking brown linen dress with headdress, a long black cloth cape with hood

MARGARET MORE (25 years old, Daughter of Sir Thomas)

- * Medium blue antique satin dress, velvet trim, petticoat with ruffles, a gold chain with pearls, crescent shaped headdress
- * Cotton apron over first costume
- * Black wool cape without hood
- * Shabby beige linen dress and cap

COMMON WOMAN (Catherine Anger)

- * A bright colored antique satin dress, petticoat with ruffles and a hat with snood, trimmed with ostrich feather tips