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fash·ion  (făsh ən)

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- n.*
1. The prevailing style or custom, as in dress or behavior: *out of fashion*.
 2. Something, such as a garment, that is in the current mode: *a swimsuit that is the latest fashion*.
 3.
 - a. Manner or mode; way: *Set the table in this fashion*. See Synonyms at [method](#).
 - b. A personal, often idiosyncratic manner: *played the violin in his own curious fashion*.
 4. Kind or variety; sort: *people of all fashions*.
 5. Shape or form; configuration: *a garden triangular in fashion*.

tr.v. fash·ioned, fash·ion·ing, fash·ions

1. To give shape or form to; make: *fashioned a table from a redwood burl*.
2. To train or influence into a particular state or character: *The teacher fashions her students into fine singers*.
3. *Archaic* To adapt, as to a purpose or an occasion.
4. *Obsolete* To contrive.

Idiom:

after/in a fashion

In some way or other, especially to a limited extent: *She sings after a fashion*.

[Middle English *facioun*, from Old French *façon*, appearance, manner, from Latin *factiō*, *factiōn-*, a making, from *factus*, past participle of *facere*, to make, do; see **dhē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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