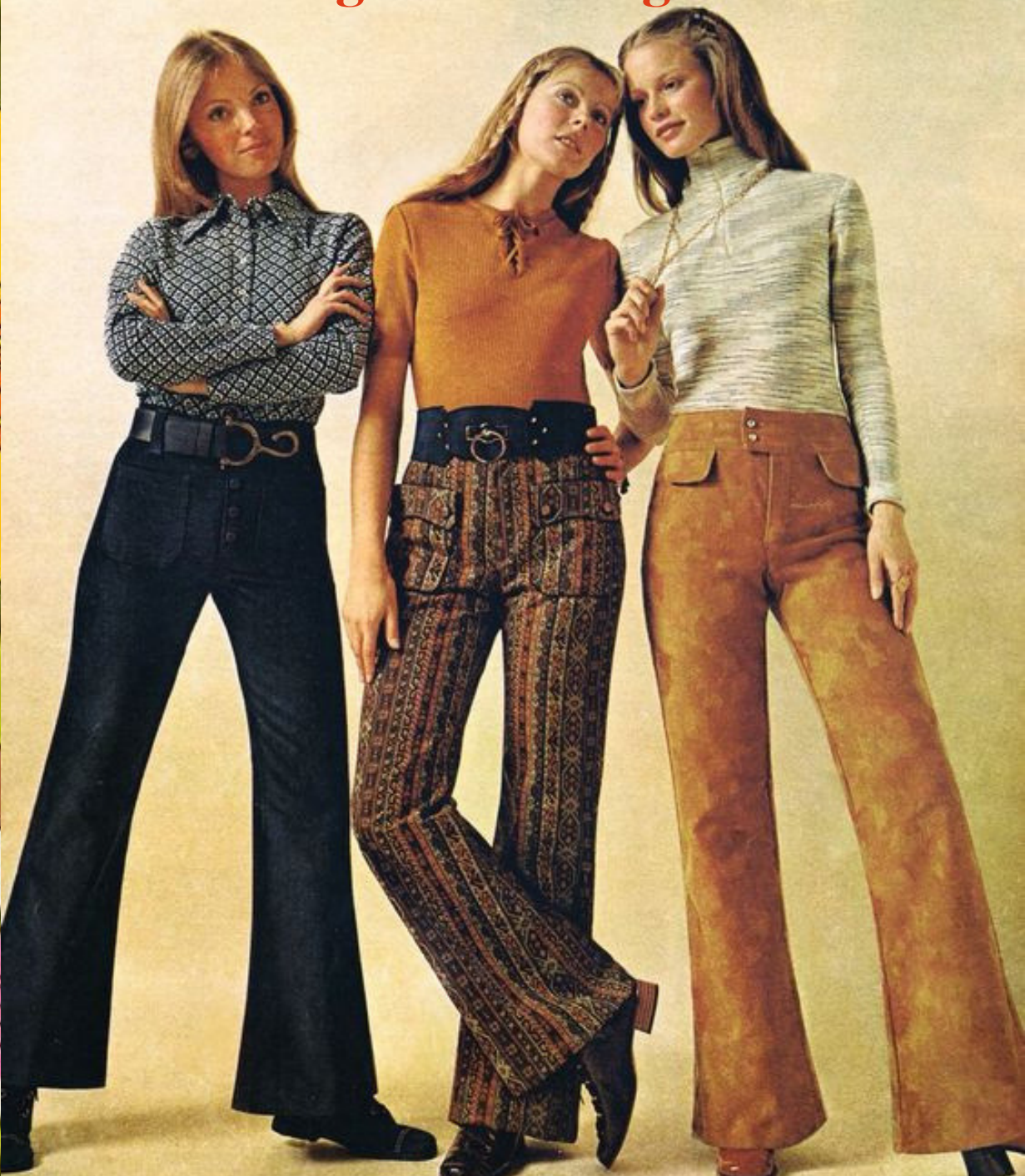


## Remembering Retro Orange



Avacado green, mission brown, wheat and retro orange were very popular colours of the 1970's for carpets, curtains, home wares, fabrics and wallpapers. Orange was present in shades of burnt orange, coral, ochre and sunshine orange.

Do you remember the colour orange? Did you like it?  
Did you have colourful wallpaper or laminate bench tops?  
What colours did you have in your home?

What colours did you wear?

What fabrics did you wear? Did you wear corduroy or linen?  
Did you take up handicrafts that were popular at the time, like crotchet, macrame or pottery?



This craft activity is based on a vintage Vera Neumann silk scarf from the 1970's. The floral print is in shades of orange and yellow that were popular at the time. Vera Neumann was a young artist at the time who was printing her artwork onto linen place mats.

During world war 2, linen became scarce but leftover parachute silk was plentiful so she switched to silk and started printing onto silk scarves. They were a hit! Her scarves were worn by the likes of Grace Kelly and Marilyn Monroe.

Using the colour palette above as a guide, paint your own floral place mat, laminate and enjoy!





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