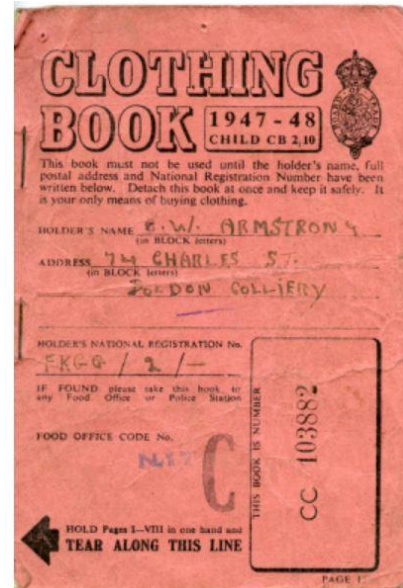


## Clothes Rationing

During World War 2 lots of things had to be rationed because of shortages. This included food, petrol, and clothes. Instead of being able to go to the shops and buy whatever you wanted, to make it fair, you could only buy a certain amount. Everyone was given rationing books that contained lots of coupons. Every item had a certain number of coupons available per week or year.



People were also asked to “make do and mend” their clothes. This meant that clothing factories could focus on the war effort by making things like uniforms and parachutes.

**Imagine that your house has been hit by a bomb and all your belongings including your clothes have been destroyed. You need to buy some new clothes, but you only have 48 coupons to spend. How will you spend them?**

Item	Coupons	Item	Coupons
Raincoat	11	Shorts	2
Jacket	8	Skirt	6
Shirt/Blouse	3	Boots/shoes	3
Jumper/ cardigan	3	Nightdress/ pyjamas	6
Trousers	6	Underpants/ Knickers/ Vest	2