

Clothing- Women

Dresses

- one-piece, front-closing, skirts should be 2-4” off the ground, and 120-180” in circumference
- Cotton
 - gathered bodice
 - prints, plaids, stripes
 - minimal trims, mostly flat, applied trims
- Wool
 - gathered or darted bodice
 - prints, plaids, stripes, solids
 - trims may be flat or dimensional (fringe, braid, ruching)
- worn with 1-2” white collars, or neckerchiefs; white cuffs and under-sleeves as appropriate

Undergarments

- corset or corded stay should be worn
- chemise
- drawers are optional, but recommended under hoops/cage
- petticoats
 - minimum of two petticoats
 - with hoop skirt: one under hoop, and at least one over hoop
 - without hoop skirt: two or more
 - 120-180” in circumference
- hoop skirt/ cage crinoline
 - 90-110” hoops/cage for all impressions
 - not recommended for working/cooking near open fire
 - should be dome- or elliptical- shaped, avoid cone-shaped hoops

Footwear

- Stockings
 - wool or cotton
 - between knee and thigh high

- white, black, brown, blue, grey
- Boots and Shoes
 - front-lacing, side-lacing, or with elastic gussets on the sides
 - low heel (1-2")
 - leather soles, or unobtrusive rubber soles, avoid heavy treads
 - speed laces can be converted to eyelets at most shoe repair stores

Accessories

- Headwear
 - silk or straw bonnets
 - corded or slat sunbonnets with a curtain that touches or overs the shoulders
- Eyewear
 - glasses- wire-rimmed, round, square, or oval
 - contacts
- Aprons
 - half apron, or pinner apron
 - cotton, linen, or wool
 - stripes, checks, solids (wool)
- Cold Weather Wear
 - shawls- wool, 60x60"
 - sontags- wool, knitted or crochet
 - paletots- wool, loose or semi-fitted
 - petticoats- wool (white or red), or quilted (cotton or wool)

* for your safety, always follow the advice of your medical provider, use medical devices and protective gear, and take medications as prescribed