

19th Century Women's Clothing

As in modern day you will see festival participants dressed in many different fabrics and styles of clothing. Old pictures reveal that women's work dresses had assorted trims, ruffles, tucks, pleats, bodice yokes and gathers.

Dress: Women's summer work dresses were usually made of cotton using a calico print, stripe or floral stripe, or a plain dark color. The cut of the floor length dress was comfortably full with a high neck and long sleeves.

Aprons: Women wore long aprons on top of their work dresses that extended from the waist to near the hem. The apron was full and wrapped almost entirely around the body to tie in a large bow at the center back. Front pockets are sometimes visible in old pictures. The apron pictured has a bib top pinned to the bodice of the dress.



Long Sleeved Dress

Full Apron with
Bib Top

Leather Footwear