

Basic 1870's Ladies Attire

Hats and Bonnets

Women's hats could be used for work, socializing or as part of a formal ensemble. Hats for outdoor work tended to be made out of straw for summer with low crowns and broad brims and made of felt or buckram covered in fabrics for cooler weather.

Work style dress

Simple cotton style dress used for domestic duties. It is plain with little ornamentation so that it can be easily laundered.

Collars and ties

Collars came in several styles in the 1870s. Generally a white fabric collar was sewn or pinned into the existing collar of the dress to cut down on wear on the dress and soiling on the lining. Other forms of ornamentation such as ties and other forms of jewelry can be added

Corset

A corset is necessary to achieve a period silhouette, even in a work dress garment. The form-fitting styles of the period look rather "without" the proper foundation garments.

Chemise, drawers and petticoats

These are the foundation of the foundation garments. A Chemise works in connection with the corset for bust support and protects you from the corset the drawers are a vital piece of modesty and the petticoats help to fill out the dress while adding cover for the legs.

Aprons

Aprons can be worn for decoration but were more commonly found to protect the clothing from wear and staining. They came in several different styles and sometimes found made out of old clothes.

Shoes and Boots

Everyday women's footwear came in a variety of choices from lace-up to button. Toes still remained square with flat broad heels and soles.



Putting it into
perspective:
Historical
Dressing
Sequence
for the
1860s
or
how time period
undergarments worked





