

Pioneer Clothing

Feel free to dress up in period clothing for an even better pioneer experience! No need to go out and buy clothing, even the pioneers made due with what they had at home. Here is a quick description of what pioneers would have worn and ideas of how to replicate it.

Pioneer clothing was simple, plain and functional. Most people owned a set or two of clothing and perhaps some nicer clothes for special occasions.

Girls & Women

Typically, they would have worn a sunbonnet while outside to avoid sunburns and a dust cap inside, to avoid dirt and dust getting in their hair. Their dresses were usually calico cotton or woolen material and made up of 2 separate pieces: the skirt and the blouse. The blouse would have had long sleeves (or possibly $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeves). Skirts were floor length for women and reached about mid-calf for girls. Aprons were a staple in any woman's wardrobe as they helped to keep the dress clean. Women wore half-length aprons while girls wore "pinnafores" (full length aprons). Their shoes would be dark leather lace-up boots or high topped shoes.



Hat → a straw hat

Dresses → A flowery or dark colored cotton dress will do. You could also wear a blouse with a long skirt.

Apron → An apron should be worn to help clean the dress clean.

Shoes → dark leather shoes or boots. Dark knee socks can also be worn.

Boys & Men

Men wore wide flat brim straw hats with light colored or striped loose fitting long sleeved shirts. They wore dark colored and loose fitting pants, usually held up by suspenders. They would roll up their pant legs or tuck them into their boots. Boots were dark leather or they might also have worn high topped shoes that laced up in the front.



Hat → a straw hat

Shirts → light colored or striped loose fitting long sleeved shirts

Pants → dark colored and loose fitting. Pant legs were usually tucked into boots or rolled up. Pants were usually worn with suspenders.

Shoes → leather shoes or boots

