

## Female Guidelines (Upper class)

All clothing must be made according to period construction techniques and patterns. At a minimum, all Buttonholes need to be hand done.

1. Female Civilians are required to wear a period correct dress made of cotton, wool, linen or silk. Please keep in mind age appropriate styles, **no blouse/skirt/jacket combinations unless you are a child or teenager.** White collars and cuffs need to be worn with most dresses. The exception to this is sheer dresses, which are encouraged for this event.
2. Underclothing correct to the period including a corset or stays required. This includes chemise, under petticoats, work hoop or corded petticoat, and, depending on age, drawers. Stockings may be wool or cotton. Keep in mind that drawers were not worn by some women depending on age, and social standing.
3. Aprons of a period correct fabric (cotton, wool, linen or silk) and period construction are permitted. An apron may not be needed by this socio-economic class of women but a fancy silk apron may be worn to service lunch or tea.
4. Shoes or boots of a period style are required.
5. Head covers such as fashion bonnets, slat bonnets, corded bonnets, or quilted bonnets are encouraged. Be sure to pick a style that is appropriate to your age and socio-economic status.
6. Hair must be worn in a period correct style. Generally it is to be parted in the center, no bangs, and confined at or below the nape of the neck. Hairnets may be worn if made of correct materials and are appropriate to your first person portrayal.
7. Eyewear must be correct to the time period or to an earlier period. Contact lenses are permitted. No modern eye wear is allowed.
8. Outerwear must be made with correct construction and patterns to the time period. Outerwear includes but is not limited to jackets, shawls, mantels, sottags, sacques, and capes.
9. Accessories such as gloves, parasols and jewelry must be period in style and construction. Jewelry can be limited and simplistic, or elaborate and fancy in style, whichever is appropriate to the economic status of your persona. Gloves typically would be of black or brown leather.