

Clara's Victorian Ballgown

Clara is dressed for a ball in a Victorian dress known as the Crinoline. A young girl such as Clara would not wear a floor-length gown to the ball, but a mid-calf skirt length would have been the fashion for a girl her age. The dome shape of the skirt was created by many layers of lacy petticoats worn over a cage crinoline. With fine stockings and kid leather shoes to match the dress, Clara is ready to dance. To complete her outfit, a ribbon hairpiece was worn over carefully curled ringlets. Clara would not have been old enough to wear her hair up.

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