Clara's Pennsylvania Dutch Dress

Clara's Pennsylvania Dutch dress is from the 1820s-1840s. This simple calico dress is a design typical of the early nineteenth century. Although Clara would most likely spend most days barefoot, she would have some boots for colder weather, or for dressing up. Clara also has some pattens, which are sandal-like wooden shoe coverings. Pattens were worn over fragile leather boots to protect them from the rough cobblestones and muddy messes in the streets of early America. A sun bonnet would also be a must for the outdoors, both winter and summer.



These tabs tuck under the head to hold the hat securely.





