

Clara's 1830 Ball Gown

In the 1830s, fashion designs became more complicated. Pleats and pin tucks were very popular. This dress is from about 1830, and has a gathered bodice trimmed with a wide band of lace. The wide skirt has matching lace, and rows of pin tucks at the hem. The dress was worn over many layers of petticoats, giving it a wide bell shape. The huge puffy sleeves hang off the shoulder, making the shoulders of the dress into a fashionable, sloping shape. The slippers and some flowers for Clara's hair finish the ensemble.

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