

Clara's 1930s Day Dress

In the 1930s, during the Depression, many women sewed their own clothing. Sewing patterns became more important to the general population, and women copied fashions from the movie stars. Clothing lost the shapeless, straight-down look of the 20s, and became more structured, with pleats, ribbons, tucks, and buttons. Softer, more feminine lines became increasingly popular during the decade. Clara's dress has ribbon trim, and is gathered at the sides. The square collar and wide shoulders are typical designs for the 30s. Hats were very popular in the 1930s, so Clara also has a soft, wide-brimmed cloth hat with a loosely tied bow for trim. Finally, Clara has some soft suede shoes with a plain ribbon trim.

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