

Clara's 1930 Double Breasted Coat

The trench coat was first developed in the mid-1800s, and was somewhat popular as a man's coat. However, in World War I, the trench coat was indispensable as an article of clothing for the soldiers on the ground, and became very popular. After the war, fashion designers began to experiment with various cuts and fabrics, creating fashionable trench coats for men, women, and children. With some variations in styling, the trench coat remains a very popular fashion today.

Clara has a trench coat from the 1930s, with a double-breasted front, fastened up with four large buttons, and cinched with a wide belt. A scarf tied at her neck will keep her warm. She also has a floppy rain hat with the brim turned up on one side. To finish off her bad-weather outfit, she has a pair of galoshes, which were worn over more delicate shoes to protect them from the rain and mud.

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