

Create a pioneer outfit

Have you ever wanted to dress like a pioneer? It is easy. You probably have most of the clothes right in your home! If you are a girl, you can wear a cotton dress or borrow a cotton skirt, an old-fashioned blouse, and an apron from your mother. A shawl or scarf can be worn over the shoulders. If you cannot get a bonnet, wear a straw hat decorated with flowers, birds, or fruit. Shoes with laces or straps are suitable footwear.

Boys can wear brown or black boots or laced shoes; woolen, cotton, or corduroy trousers with suspenders; and a country-styled cotton or flannel shirt. Hats can range from straw hats to caps with visors. Denim overalls are also suitable pioneer wear, as are knickers with long socks. Vests can double as waistcoats. Look through your closet or ask friends to lend you clothes that resemble the ones you see.



Everyday outfits for boys consisted of a cotton shirt, trousers, and suspenders.



Many children only had two outfits—one for weekdays and one for going to church on Sundays. Everyday clothes for girls consisted of soft cotton dresses with a sash around the waist. Pinafores, such as the one worn by the girl above, covered dresses and kept them clean. If a girl only had one dress, she covered it with a clean pinafore or apron on Sundays.