

## Civil War Era Clothing Resources

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Have a question, need direction, or can't find something? Email Lynn Sawyer – [lsawyer33@stoweaccess.com](mailto:lsawyer33@stoweaccess.com) or call 644-2030.

### Recommended Books/Magazine references:

- *Who Wore What: Women's Wear 1861- 1865* by Juanita Leisch – Available in book stores and on Amazon.com
- *The Citizens' Companion: Back to Basics Women's Apparel During The Civil War 1861 – 1865*
  - Available from Abraham's Lady (listed above), only \$5.99
- *The Citizens' Companion: Back to Basics II Fashion for Men and Children During The Civil War 1861 – 1865*
  - Available from Abraham's Lady (listed above), only \$5.99

### Clothing, Patterns, Material, Headwear Resources

[Ebay.com](http://Ebay.com) and [Etsy.com](http://Etsy.com) – search Civil War (civilian man, boy, girl, lady, etc) and the item you are looking for (pants, dress, bonnet, pattern). You can find great deals on used clothing from reenactors, as well as new, bonnet and hats (trimmed and untrimmed).

- Ladies' and girls' clothing is abundant. The cheapest hoops are on ebay.
- Civilian men's and boys are available in less quantity... for men, make sure you specify 'civilian men's' in your search or you will get the plethora of military clothing items. Even with boys, many of the jackets are military jackets not civilian.
- New men's can be found relatively cheaply.
- Ladies, be sure to read the actual measurements of the clothing item. Do not trust women's sizing (size 8, 10, etc). If measurements are not listed, ask.
- Beware! There are many items listed as Civil War that are not accurate. Steer clear of items listed as multiple periods "Civil War, Revolutionary, Renaissance, Gothic".
- Lynn's favorite sellers: colonels1lady, eve\*of\*bumperville , lisa\*ann1867

Originals By Kay: [www.shop.originals-by-kay.com](http://www.shop.originals-by-kay.com)

- Ready-made clothing:
  - Ladies
  - Gentlemen
  - Children
  - Under clothes
- Patterns and kits
- Fabric
- Special orders
- Bonnets and headdresses

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Abrahams Lady: [www.abrahamslady.com](http://www.abrahamslady.com)

- Ladies and girls' pre-made clothing
- Sewing patterns & supplies
- Great resource books
- Educational guide for women

River Junction Trade Co: <http://www.riverjunction.com>

- Men – good source of pre-made men's clothing. Men's clothing styles changed so slowly that most available on this site is good for CW period.
- Ladies – do **not** use this site. Ladies clothing here is nearly all late Victorian – early 1900's.

Gentleman's Emporium: [www.gentlemansemporium.com](http://www.gentlemansemporium.com)

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  - Ladies – do **not** use this site (called the Ladies Emporium). Ladies clothing here is nearly all is nearly all late Victorian – early 1900's.

Blockade Runner: [www.blockaderunner.com](http://www.blockaderunner.com)

- Reasonable prices for ready-made new items.
- A variety of items for both the gentlemen and the ladies... For the men, look for the link for civilian clothing under the men's catalog. It's interspersed with many links to military items. The Ladies Catalog is more straightforward. The site is odd in that you have scroll all the way to the bottom of the page to see links to more clothing items. Make sure you do, or you'll miss some good stuff!
- Good variety of pre-made ladies bodices (blouse)...to mix and match with skirt. If you are looking for a dress use colonels1lady on ebay... she's cheaper and dresses are equally as nice as this site.
- Ladies, if you are looking for a hat rather than a bonnet, check out this site for nice un-trimmed hats at a reasonable price.

Timely Tresses: [www.timelytresses.com](http://www.timelytresses.com)

- Pre-made bonnets, trimmed & untrimmed – pricey, high quality.
- Bonnet patterns, kits, and supplies

Reproduction Fabric: [www.reproductionfabrics.com](http://www.reproductionfabrics.com)