

Dressing up day ideas

Victorians

So you're having a Victorians dressing up day? Don't panic! Even if you'd forgotten about it until 8pm the night before, you can still manage to whip up a costume with some simple items in your house. There's no need for any buying!

Victorian Boy

- A shirt with a collar
- A tie
- A knitted tank top, cardigan or jumper in a traditional colour, or a plain coat
- A pair of school style shorts (not football shorts!)
- School socks
- School shoes
- A flat cap



The Victorian age lasted over 60 years, and fashions changed a lot in that time. There was a big difference between rich and poor people's clothes. The clothes on this sheet would have been for ordinary people like school children, shop boys and scullery maids.



Victorian Girl

- A knee length or full length dress or top and skirt in a plain or traditional print like a tartan or plaid
- Long petticoat or short sleeved plain (ideally white) dress to wear over the top
- School socks in a plain colour
- School shoes
- A white cap or straw boater. This can be made easily from a circle of fabric:

1. Cut a circle of fabric around 60cm in diameter;
2. Sew a loose running stitch around 5cm in from the outer rim, leaving some thread loose at each end;
3. Pull the thread tight from both ends, drawing up the excess fabric until it fits on your head;
4. Knot the ends of the thread to keep it secure, cut the thread and you're done!

