

1830'S PIONEER BOY PAPER DOLL

In the 1830's pioneers mainly wore clothes that the family made themselves. The whole family helped grow the flax to make linen or raise the sheep to make wool, but the girls and women were in charge of spinning the yarn, weaving the thread and sewing the material into clothes. Printed cotton fabric or "calico" was available, but hard to find on the frontier and expensive to buy.

Boys wore a linen shirt with a banded collar and long tails. Pants were wool or coarse linen with a "large fall" button front and suspenders to hold them up. In the winter, they kept warm with coats made of sometimes colorful woolen blankets.

To make the paper doll: Color and cut out the doll and her clothes. You might want to glue the doll to poster board before cutting her out for extra stability. Fold the tabs over to fasten the clothes on to the doll.

