



This dress was made in 1863 during the American Civil War. This is the type of dress someone like Mary Lincoln would have worn. It is made of silk and uses a floral pattern. Stripes were very popular at the time!

Dresses like this required more undergarments to make them fit "correctly" (how people liked it at the time). Under the **bodice** (the top part), there would be a **corset** made of whale bone or steel supports. Under the skirt (the bottom part), would be several **petticoats** (underskirts), that would keep the skirt full and spread out.

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