Edwardian Clothing (1900-1919)

During the Edwardian era, otherwise known as the Gibson Girl era, dresses were long, natural form, a-line skirted, and had lots of lace! This was also the time for the two piece skirt and blouse set to emerge with style. Men’s style was still formal from the Victorian era but ever so slightly getting more relaxed. Traveling suits, lace tea dresses, empire gowns, kimono robes and those amazing over-sized hats are all distinguishing fashion icons of this time. Top off your dresses with a pair of shoes, lace gloves, spectacles, a shawl.

Historic men’s clothing and costumes for the Edwardian man begin with a good suit, hat and tie with coordinating waistcoats (vests), dress shirts with club style or detachable collars, boots or shoes, and pocket squares.

For more casual wear, men often simply wore a white shirt, simple pants, and suspenders.

Ready Made Edwardian Day or Party Dress:
RiverJunction- Several nice day and party dresses. No hoops required!
Recollections.biz – Ivory Edwardian Lace Dress

The Edwardian Garden Dress Patterns:
Amazon.com/folkwear – Simple Garden Dress Pattern or Wedding/garden Dress

Edwardian Blouse Patterns:
Edwardian Tailor Gibson Girl Blouse- good pattern for a Gibson Girl style blouse with pin tucks
Folkwear- Gibson girl Blouse

Edwardian Ready made Blouses:
www.premierclothing.com- Very nice ready to buy Edwardian blouses. The more frills, lace and puffy shoulders the more Gibson Girl it is.
RiverJunction- Blouses and vest for walking skirts.

My favorites are:
1. Recollections.biz. On the left side of the screen, click on “By historical era” and choose Edwardian Era.
2. gentlemansemporium.com. This site includes women’s clothing—be sure to look for “Edwardian” in the labels.
3. Vintagemartini.com has wonderful vintage photographs in the Vintage Photograph section as well as a Ladies Clothing section. Again—look at the Edwardian section.

There are many other good web sides that can be found by typing in Edwardian Clothing in your web browser.