

Dress Up Ideas for Revolution Day

Girls

1. Use a current long dress and cut a small hole in the hem and feed in a straitened wire hanger to create a hoop skirt. (depending on how wide you want it you can use more than one hanger and just twist it together.
2. Get a hoola hoop from home or from the dollar store and a belt and tie the hoop to the belt using strings or yarn. Put a wide skirt or dress over top.
3. Layer several skirts under the dress to create a full appearance.
4. Dresses for upper classes tended to be brighter in color. If you character was more plain then dress in plain colors like brown, cream, gray or black.
5. If you wear a skirt try to get a long sleeve shirt that is simple in color if you are poor and brighter if rich.
6. Create an up do using lots of bobby pins.
7. Try putting hair in rags
8. If dressing a poorer part use white aprons around the waist (or a carefully tied white table cloth, sheet or pillowcase) and white hanker chiefs around the neck inside the collar of the dress.
9. You can make an apron by taking a rectangle of cloth or pillowcase. Hem the top edge (or safety pin or fabric glue) then string a ribbon through and you have an apron.
10. Consider some type of hat. You can decorate one you already have or find one at the thrift store and decorate it with tulle, ribbon, lace and flowers. Make sure it matches the dress.
11. Have girls wear tall stockings and brown or black shoes if possible.
12. Props will make your character stand out. Find out what they are famous for and have the kids carry something related to the character.

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Boys

1. Make a colonial hat out of construction paper Things You'll Need:
 - Construction paper (gray, brown or black) Scissors Fishing line Instant glue
 1. Step 1
Cut out a large circle from the construction paper. This piece will serve as the brim and should be cut with a hole in the center for the top the hat to be attached. The exact size will depend on the head of the person you are making it for; the hole in the middle of the larger circle should just fit over the person's head as a brim.
 2. Step 2
Cut out a smaller circle from the construction paper to form the top of the hat. This time it should be a few inches larger than the hole in the brim. Now, make four triangular cuts into this piece, leaving an untouched central area about the size of the hole in the brim.
 3. Step 3
On the inside of the hat, tape the flaps of the top of the hat together to form an inverted cup. Now thoroughly tape this inverted cup to the brim, to make the hat into one piece.
 4. Step 4
From the front of the hat, and moving clockwise in 120 degree increments, bend up the edge of the brim. You should end up with what is called a trifold. Now take a piece of thin fishing line, and glue one end, out of sight, to the side of the top of the hat. Glue the other end to the inside of one of the brim folds. Do the same for the other two sides, and let dry.
2. Take an old pair of pants (linen or work type pants, not jeans) and cut them mid calf. Cut a slit (if the pants are tight legged) or a triangle (if pants are wide leg) about 3-6 inches up side of pants and either put in buttons along that side or you can make holes and use shoe laces, string or yarn to tighten up the side. The finished product will be a pant that is wide around the thigh and tight just below the knee.
 3. Have them wear tall stockings. White, gray or brown. Knee highs work perfect. Try to wear dark colored shoes.
 4. Have them make a cravat out of a scarf or a long rectangular piece of fabric. Tie it around neck and tie a knot in the front and the tails hang down.
 5. If they have a vest that would work well or a suit jacket.
 6. If your character was in the army have your boy make a musket out of cardboard then cover it in tinfoil.
 7. Flour their hair to make it white or find a cheap wig at a store and fashion it and spray paint it white.
 8. Have them wear a white shirt and tuck their collar to the inside so only half of it is out and it stands straight up.