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"Fashion is part of the daily air and it changes all the time, with all the events. You can even see the approaching of a revolution in clothes. You can see and feel everything in clothes." - Diana Vreeland



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# Inspired by History

## A modern fashion shoot at the Warner House

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**T**he Warner House in Portsmouth is filled with lavish details and extravagant treasures. Hand-painted murals adorn the walls and Queen Anne furniture carved by local artisans fills the halls and galleries. Grand staircases with impressive two-story windows lead to oversized rooms intended to entertain patrons and friends. Family portraits by famous artists hang from decorative paneling. Draperies and custom curtains were fashioned to surround grand four-poster beds.

Over six generations, weddings took place. The king's birthday was celebrated by the governor, who lived here. Private dinners for generals were held, among many other smaller festivities. For 300 years, this fascinating and enchanting estate witnessed the unfolding of history and the foundation of our country.

The styles on these pages were inspired by this backdrop, the newest runway trends and shops right here in the Granite State. This fashion shoot channels the spirits of the historic figures that called this stunning estate home. Relive the past as you explore the fashions of our early American ancestors.



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The Warner House in Portsmouth, now a museum, was built in 1716.



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Left: Free People white Victorian blouse, \$59; Saks Fifth Avenue eyelet romper, \$25; Michael Kors straw corset belt, \$19; wedge espadrilles, \$54, all available at Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH; Chanel gold straw hat earrings, \$250, from Lilise Designer Resale

Middle: Cream button-down tunic, \$98, and ruffled lace leggings, \$59, both available at April Cornell; black plaid flower vest by Krista Larson; vintage Liz Claiborne black straw hat, \$36, and beaded dreamcatcher necklace, \$28, both available at the Cotillion Bureau at Lady Pickwick's; Stuart Weitzman cork wedges, \$139, from Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH

Right: Linen old roses wee dress by Krista Larson, \$181; white pantaloon romper, \$79, from April Cornell; vintage Jordan Marsh square cap, \$38, and wood and metal pendant necklace, \$24, both from the Cotillion Bureau at Lady Pickwick's; Handmade by Jaja antique button necklace, \$150, from Ruggles & Hunt; Steve Madden pilgrim loafer, \$39, from Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH

**This page:** Green leaf ribbon slip, \$143; silk Sahara pant, \$175; and an embroidered silk taffeta billowy smock dress, \$225, all by Krista Larson; handmade quilted jacket, \$179, and beaded jewel slippers, \$39, from April Cornell; Hermes silk scarf, \$219, from Lilise Designer Resale; vintage green hoop earrings, \$24, from the Cotillion Bureau at Lady Pickwick's

**Opposite page:** Hand embroidered necklace by Cecil Leibowitz, \$70, and floral Avignon dress, \$118, both available at April Cornell; vintage Victorian eyelet petticoat, \$98, and L&L Liberty of London collars, \$24, both available at the Cotillion Bureau at Lady Pickwick's; Vollers corset, \$185, from Lady Pickwick's; DVF gingham purse, \$99 and Sam Edelman loafers, \$69, both available at Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH









Left: Pink cotton summer dress with ties from April Cornell, \$98; silk taffeta striped pant with ruching by Krista Larson, \$175; Vollers English-made pink corset, \$215, and Yestadt straw hat, \$48, both available at Lady Pickwick's; vintage green bustier from the Cotillion Bureau at Lady Pickwick's, \$38; Chanel green stripe shamrock earrings from Lilise Designer Resale, \$200; Frye leather slipper, \$109, available at Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH

Above and right: Gold silk embroidered flower heirloom skirt by Krista Larson, \$265; vintage lace bustier from the Cotillion Bureau at Lady Pickwick's, \$38; Lee Andersen silk embroidered iris jacket, \$318, and flora pink mosaic necklace, \$238, both from Gondwana & Divine Clothing Co.; beaded Victorian purse from April Cornell, \$42; Avec Les Filles embroidered espadrille slipper, \$69, available at Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH



### Credits

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maggieagency.com, modelclubinc.com

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paularoderickvoisembert.com

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tracychristinehairandmakeup.com

Location: The Warner House Museum  
warnerhouse.org

### Shops

**April Cornell**  
2548 White Mountain Hwy.  
North Conway  
aprilcornell.com

**The Cotillion Bureau  
and Lady Pickwick's**  
60 State St., Portsmouth  
facebook.com/cotillionbureau  
pickwicksmercantile.com

**Gondwana & Divine Clothing Co.**  
13 N. Main St., Concord  
clothingnh.com

**Krista Larson Designs**  
kristalarson.com

**Lilise Designer Resale**  
113 Storrs St., Concord  
liliseresale.com

**Ruggles & Hunt**  
8 Westminster St., Walpole  
rugglesandhunt.com

**Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5TH**  
Merrimack Premium Outlets  
80 Premium Outlets Blvd., Merrimack  
premiumoutlets.com