

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

Renaissance Period: Circa 1400-1500



'Catarina von Bora' Dress

History

Who was Catarina von Bora?

Catarina von Bora was a nun who lived in Germany in the early 16th century. She and several of her sisters left the convent and traveled to Wittenburg looking for the new teacher, Martin Luthur, who was a former monk. Catarina later married Martin Luther, who is now remembered to be one of the most influential men of the Renaissance. He and some others started the period known by protestants as the Reformation, a movement intended to reform the Catholic church from the inside and cleanse it of corruption, which was heavy at that time. Most sources credit Luther's 95 Theses with starting the Reformation. Luther also supported translating the Bible so that the masses could read it in their own language, instead of Latin. He is credited translating the Bible into German.

Fashion

During the Renaissance, the current fashion depended upon where you lived. The fashion differences between France, England and Germany are quite distinct. This dress might have been worn in Germany around 1500. A type of corset might have been worn underneath it as well as a chemise to keep the dress clean and provide warmth. A petticoat might have also been worn.

This dress was inspired by a dress that Catarina wore in the period film 'Luther', starring Joseph Fiennes.