

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

Renaissance Period: Circa 1400-1500



'Isabella' Dress

History

Who was Isabella?

Isabella I of Castile and her husband Ferdinand II of Aragon were King and Queen of Spain in the 15th and 16th centuries. They helped to bring stability and unity to a kingdom that had been torn by war and political power struggles for many years. Isabella's young life was not an easy one, as she was raised without her father's care and later without her mother. She was pressured to become the leader of a revolution against her half-brother, King Henry. King Henry forced Isabella into many betrothals, but she secretly conspired to marry her second-cousin, Ferdinand. They were secretly married in 1469. Isabella is best remembered in the United States for supporting the expeditions of Christopher Columbus to the New World, which led to the founding of America. Isabella was also the first woman to be commemorated on a U.S. postage stamp in 1893.

Fashion

This dress is very similar to what might have been worn by a middle or upper-class woman in 15th century Spain.