

# Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

## Tudor Era: Circa 1500-1600



### 'Anne Boleyn' Dress

#### *History*

#### **Who is Anne Boleyn?**

Anne Boleyn was the daughter of English nobility and became a maid of honor to the Queen of England, Catherine of Aragon. Henry VIII professed to love Anne, and persuaded the Archbishop of Canterbury to grant him an annulment of his marriage of Catherine. After the Archbishop did so, the Pope excommunicated both the Archbishop and Henry VII, resulting in the rise of the Church of England. After the annulment, Henry married Anne, who gave birth to their only child Elizabeth a few months later.

Henry was set on having a male heir, and after a daughter and three miscarriages, he began courting Jane Seymour while still married to Anne. In 1536, Henry had Anne investigated for high treason. She was executed in May after being declared guilty. After the coronation of Elizabeth I, Anne was declared a martyr of the English Reformation, since her marriage to Henry began the Anglican Church.

#### *Fashion*

This dress is very similar to what would have been worn by women during the Tudor period. Dresses during this time were worn over stays, and were elaborately decorated with gold and jewels. Dresses were also worn over a small hoopskirt known as a Spanish 'Farthingale'.

#### **What is a 'French Hood'?**

A 'hood' is a headdress that was worn during the Tudor period and earlier. There were several styles that were worn in different countries. The 'English Hood' is also known as the 'Gable' style. The French Hood was a more rounded style than the English. Anne Boleyn preferred the French style to the English, and made it popular at the English court. Most portraits of Elizabeth I picture her wearing her mother's favorite style.