

# Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

## Tudor Period: Circa 1500-1600



### 'Marguerite de Navarre' Dress

#### *History*

#### **Who is Marguerite de Navarre?**

Marguerite of Navarre was the wife of Henry II, King of Navarre, a region in Northern Spain. Marguerite's brother became King of France, and her descendants were the Bourbon kings of France. Marguerite was a reformer and was called 'The first modern woman'. She was an authoress and a very influential woman in France, and it has also been suggested that she had an influence on the Protestant reformation of England.

Marguerite had a close relationship with the tragic Anne Boleyn, and through her influenced Elizabeth I of England. During her life she was known as a peacemaker between the Protestant reformers and the Catholics.

Pierre Brantôme said of her: "She was a great princess. But in addition to all that, she was very kind, gentle, gracious, charitable, a great dispenser of alms and friendly to all."

#### *Fashion*

This dress was inspired by an illustration of a dress from France circa 1510. Clothing styles during the Tudor period were still heavily influenced by geographical location. During this period, Francis I of France and Henry III of England were competing to have the most wealthy and opulent court. Thus, the French and English styles are similar and very elaborate, far more so than the Italian and German fashions, which stayed distinct.