

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

Colonial Era: Circa 1750-1795



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Colonial Undergarments

History

Undergarments were very important during the Colonial times. Because clothing was so expensive, the purpose of undergarments was to keep the clothing clean. Undergarments were very plain during this period and were usually white.

Fashion

What is a 'Shift'?

A shift was a shapeless garment worn under the stays (or corset) next to the skin. The shift is the same thing as a chemise. Unlike in later times, it was not considered improper for the shift to show under a dress, in fact, some shifts had decorative ruffles sewn onto them that showed at the neckline. Our doll's shift is completely historically correct.

What are 'Panniers'?

Panniers, or pocket-hoops, were used throughout the 18th century to create the fashionable silhouette. The panniers accentuated the hips and were boned to keep their shape. Our doll's panniers are completely historically correct.