

# Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

## Colonial Era: Circa 1750-1795



### 'Catherine the Great' Dress

#### *History*

#### **Who is Catherine the Great?**

Catherine II of Russia, also known as 'Catherine the Great', was the longest reigning female ruler of Russia. She was born in Prussia (modern-day Germany) as Sophia Friederike Auguste. At the age of 16, Catherine was sent to Russia to marry her distant cousin, Peter III of Russia. Peter III became Tsar (or emperor) of Russia for 6 months, when the people of Russia staged a bloodless coup and crowned his wife Catherine the Tsarina of Russia. She ruled as Empress of Russia until her death in 1795. She was a patron of the Arts, Literature, and Education. Her reign is known as the Golden Age of Russia, even though her personal life left much to be desired.

#### *Fashion*

This dress is very similar to what might have been worn by a higher class woman during the 1700's. It was inspired by an antique dress from about the 1760's.