

# Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

## American Civil War Period: Circa 1840-1870



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### Beth's Nighttime Outfit

#### *History*

#### **Who is Beth?**

Beth March is a fictional character in Louisa May Alcott's beloved book, 'Little Women'. Of the four sisters Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy, Beth is the sister who is the peacemaker. She had a sweet disposition and a giving attitude.

#### *Fashion*

This night gown is similar to what women and children would have worn during the Civil War period.

#### **What is a 'Shawl'?**

A 'Shawl' is defined as a large piece of cloth worn loosely around the body. The English word 'shawl' comes from a Persian word for the same thing.

#### **What is 'Flannel'?**

'Flannel' is a soft woven fabric that would have been made out of wool or cotton. It was usually used for undergarments during the cold winters.