

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

American Civil War Period: Circa 1840-1870



'Desmoiselles' Dress

History

This dress is based on a design seen in the 'Journal de Demoiselles' magazine that was published in France from the 1830's to the 1920's. Throughout history, France has been the source of western fashions. From the styles of Marie Antoinette to Coco Chanel, the French, mainly the nobility, have set the trends for the rest of Europe and the Americas. Paris still has the reputation today of being the hub of the fashion world. The 'Journal de Demoiselles' magazine was no exception. It was one of several magazines, such as 'Harper's Bazaar' and 'Godey's Ladies Book' that were the modern equivalent of the 'New York Runway'.

Fashion

This era is also known as the 'Victorian' era because Queen Victoria of England was queen from the 1830's to the 1900's. In the United States the time is better known as the time when the American Civil War was fought.