

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

American Civil War Period: Circa 1840-1870



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'Young Victoria' Dress

History

Who is Victoria?

Victoria was the daughter of Prince Edward, the Duke of Kent and Strathearn. Due to the deaths of her older brothers, Victoria was made the Queen of England at the young age of 18. She married her cousin Prince Albert of Prussia, who died several years later. Victoria truly loved her husband, and after he died she went into deep mourning that lasted for the rest of her life. She had 9 children and eventually became known as the 'Grandmother of Europe'.

Fashion

This dress was inspired by a costume seen in the period film 'Young Victoria'. It is an accurate depiction of what would have been worn by a well-to-do woman to a special occasion. This style would have been seen in the early 1840's to the mid 1850's.

What is a 'Bertha'?

A 'Bertha' in the 1850's was a type of collar that stretched around a lady's shoulders. It was acceptable for a lady's shoulders to be exposed in evening dresses, and this collar was a way of accentuating that style. The style of this collar originated in the 1830's, and has been popular in various forms since.