

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

American Civil War Period: Circa 1840-1870



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'Knickerbockers' Set

History

What are 'Knickerbockers'?

'Knickerbockers', or 'Drawers' were worn with the chemise under the outer clothing. The purpose of this garment was for cleanliness and warmth. During the 1860's, drawers were usually calf-length and gathered to the waist.

Fashion

What is a 'Chemise'?

A Chemise during the 1860's was a loose garment worn under the corset next to the skin. The purpose of the Chemise was to keep the outer clothing clean. This style of Chemise was worn under everyday clothing from 1850-1870. The chemise would have been tucked into drawers.

What is a 'Petticoat'?

A 'Petticoat' was a skirt worn under the dress. The purpose of a petticoat was to give a fashionable look and to provide warmth. It was also considered immodest during many periods to wear less than two petticoats. Sometimes a petticoat could be ruffled or decorated with lace and embroidery.