

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

World War I.I: Circa 1940's



'Home Front' Outfit

History

'On the Home Front' was a popular phrase during The War. Everyone wanted to be involved in the Victory effort, so 'The Home Front' became a way to encourage women and children to conserve fuel, food, fabric, metals, and rubber. Housewives also planted 'Victory Gardens' which helped to grow food for the family so that more could be sent to 'The boys at the front'. While the rationing of essentials such as sugar and fabric was not as severe in America as it was in Great Britain, citizens were encouraged to be patriotic and sacrifice at home, so that 'Our Boys' could have more on the field.

Fashion

This outfit is very similar to what might have been worn by a schoolgirl in the 1940's. Pleating skirts became very popular because it created a full look to a skirt that couldn't have much fabric in it because of war rationing.