

Doll Clothes of Yore

Original, Historical Designs for 18" Dolls

World War I.I: Circa 1940's



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'Shirley Temple' Outfit

History

Who is Shirley Temple?

Shirley Temple was a famous child actress who was most popular during the 1930's and 1940's. She began her acting career at 3 years old, and still has appearances today. She is most recognizable because of her cute hairstyle, which is short with large curly ringlets. Her acting career spanned 1932-1950.

Fashion

This feminine dress is similar to what might have been worn by a young lady or teen during the late 1930's and the early 1940's. The lace on the dress would probably have been handmade, since crocheting or knitting lace was cheaper than buying it from the store. Female clothing became less frilly during the War, but women still found ways to make their clothing feminine in the face of heaving rationing.