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Heritage Doll Clothes: Sew 20 American Outfits For Your 18-Inch Dolls





Synopsis

Create historically adorable doll clothes!Celebrate America's signature fashions--on a smaller scale! For the first time in one book, you'll find 20 historical outfits for your 18-inch doll, all based on popular looks from decades past. Dress your doll for a Colonial ball in an elegant gown complete with lace ruffles, ribbon trim and a hoop skirt. Or take your doll on an Edwardian picnic in her white summer dress, then help her get dressed in her pleated skirt and blouse for a day in a 1950s classroom. With detailed accessories and a section on "necessary unmentionables," you'll find everything you need to take your doll on trip through the past.Beloved author Joan Hinds delivers clear instructions and detailed illustrations making these outfits easy to sew. Using and reusing the designs is simple with a CD-ROM of printable patterns. So get ready to take a historical journey and thread your sewing machine--it's time to celebrate the best of American fashion!

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Customer Reviews

Joan Hinds, owner of Fancywork and Fashion, is passionate about sewing doll clothes. She has written seventeen books on the topic, including bestsellers such as All Dolled Up and Doll Fashion Studio. With frequent appearances on Sewing with Nancy, Joan is a recognizable figure in the industry and enjoys sharing her knowledge of sewing at fabric and quilt shops. Joan and her husband reside in Minnesota.

I like the looks of the pictures of the costumes I'm having many issues with the patterns themselves. The Chemise Dress is missing the sleeve pattern piece to start with. My main complaint though is the quality of the pattern pieces themselves besides the fact that the CD printout wastes lots of paper and ink because most pages only have 1 pattern piece on a page some with big headliners at the top. The pattern pieces themselves are poorly hand drawn and have measurement problems one collar was off along the outer edge by 1/8 inch. Another shoulder pattern piece was 1/4" shorter then the corresponding shoulder piece. Every piece will have to be checked before I can use them at this point as I see many inconsistency's. The cutting edge of the pattern pieces is inconsistent going from thick to thin and wavering all over and very I will have to smooth edges to make the measurements accurate. I have another one of her books and though they also look to be hand drafted It is of a much better quality then this book with corners trued and cutting edges consistent in size and width.

The Chemise Dress on page 49 is missing the sleeve pattern piece.

Very explicit directions for historical outfits for 18" dolls like American Girl. The patterns are included on a CD for easy printing. I'm wanting to try the prairie outfit next--after the holiday crafting is done. Love this book. Five Stars

These patterns are spot on! Good fit as well as historically correct. I HIGHLY recommend this book.

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the children love the clothes I did them in similar colours and they think they are brill and want some more clothes making so I am going to be very busy for a while

I wish the patterns were printed on one side of the paper only so that I could cut the pattern pieces out & use them right away. I do not like that I have to trace each pattern piece onto a new sheet of paper to make usable pattern pieces.

Great book with good patterns. Easy to follow instructions. I made the dress the first time as instructed, but later made some changes that worked better for me....very good book.

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