

Mlle Désirée ...



# ... A Very Special Doll!

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*May* we have a  
drum roll, please!

**This doll is, I think, unique in the world of antique reproduction dolls up to now, since it is a precise reproduction of the antique in the original size!**

The body might be less than a centimetre smaller than the antique since our body has been cast from papermaché and fitted together with springs, while the antique is from wood and fitted together with wood hinges. The size difference is so minimal it is negligible and the head and shoulderplate are the same size with detailed modelling just like the antique head. We have even improved the antique shoulderplate since it was warped and did not fit well onto the body which was concealed by the leather cover.

As far as I am aware, antique wooden Bru bodies (Bru French fashion) were only made in the 32 cm size and now, for the first time, you can actually make a French fashion doll that is like the antique doll!

The body is made from our finest papermaché slip and the specially formulated paint is matched to the antique and finished with a coat of finest shellac.

Check out those stunning hands! Lovely separate fingers that are simply clamouring to be fitted with fine gloves! The feet are beautifully sculpted and are almost too lovely to be covered with shoes. You will be delighted to dress this wonderful French fashion doll and you will find a gorgeous outfit for beautiful Mlle Désirée in the next issue of the Gildebrief, of course!

The finished doll is about 39 cm

tall (without wig) and the head circumference is 17 cm.

We have endeavoured to preserve the fine detail of the original which means the parts fit together beautifully. It also means that the delicate fingers have to be treated gently and the body should not be subjected to exceptionally rough treatment. However, my prototype has been subjected to quite a bit of rough handling and nothing adverse has happened, perhaps also because the specially developed body paint is not just beautiful but also exceptionally hard which in turn protects the body. The antique doll had chipped off

areas along both upper leg socket edges, both upper arm socket edges plus 2 broken-off fingers. I carefully restored these areas so that you can now enjoy the reproduction doll in her full glory and without flaws.

Instructions for the three wigs can be found in this issue and now I shall leave you to peruse and admire Mlle Désirée – enjoy the photos! ☐

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