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*Effanbee "Suzette" Composition Doll
circa 1939–1940s — 11"*

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$75 – \$175

*Based on 2024–2025 sold listings
for Effanbee Suzette 11" composition
dolls with original or period costume*

Effanbee "Suzette"

All-Composition Girl Doll — 11"

Fleischaker & Baum (Effanbee) — New York, circa 1939–1940s

HISTORY

The Effanbee Doll Company — founded in New York City in 1910 by Bernard Fleischaker and Hugo Baum — was one of America's premier doll manufacturers for over six decades. Known by their motto *"Dolls That Touch Your Heart,"* Effanbee was celebrated for producing beautifully crafted composition dolls with lifelike features and charming personalities. The "Suzette" model was introduced in the late 1930s and produced through the early 1940s — a period widely considered the golden era of American composition dollmaking. Standing 11 inches tall, Suzette was marketed as a fashionable little girl doll, all-composition and fully jointed, with painted or sleep eyes and a wigged or molded hairstyle. She was designed to be dressed in stylish, interchangeable outfits, reflecting the fashion-conscious spirit of pre-war America. Today, original Suzette dolls in good condition with period costuming are cherished by collectors of vintage Effanbee and American composition dolls.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Manufacturer: Effanbee (Fleischaker & Baum) — New York City, est. 1910
- ◆ Model: "Suzette" — introduced circa 1939
- ◆ Size: 11 inches tall — all-composition, fully jointed
- ◆ Era: Late 1930s to early 1940s
- ◆ Hair: Blonde braided wig with bangs — period-correct styling
- ◆ Eyes: Painted blue side-glancing eyes — characteristic Suzette feature
- ◆ Costume: Mint green organdy dress with trim, flower corsage, white socks & shoes
- ◆ Construction: All-composition head, torso, arms & legs — fully

strung jointed

- ✦ Markings: Marked on head — "Effanbee / Suzette" (typical of the model)
- ✦ Condition: Good antique condition — composition intact, costume complete

COLLECTOR NOTES

The Effanbee Suzette is a well-loved model among composition doll collectors, prized for her petite size, expressive painted features, and the variety of original outfits she was issued in. This example presents beautifully — the blonde braided wig, mint green dress with flower corsage, and white shoes are all consistent with original or period-correct Suzette costuming. All-composition examples with intact original clothing regularly bring \$75–\$175 on the current market, with dolls in exceptional original condition and complete accessories reaching the higher end. A charming and collectible example of Effanbee's pre-war craftsmanship.

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