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Renata D'Asti Schoolgirl Doll

Signed & Dated Folk Art Cloth Doll • African American Schoolgirl • 2003

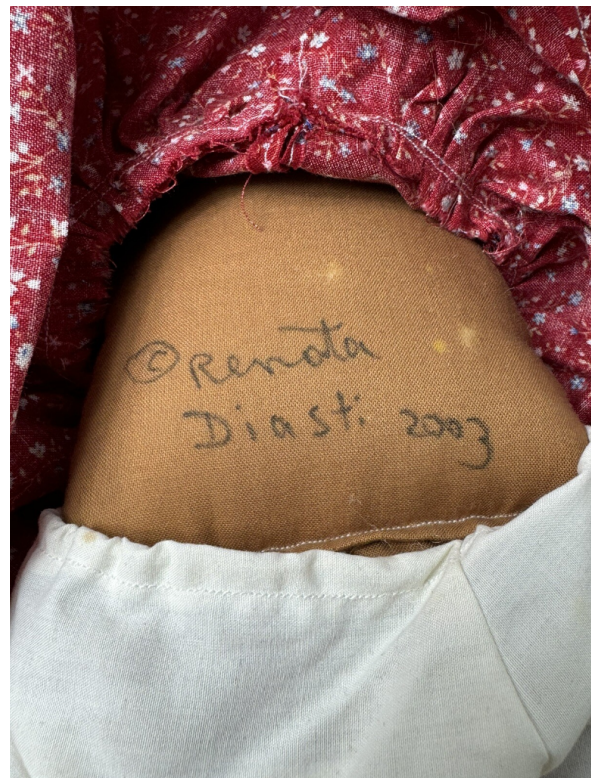
ESTIMATED WORTH

\$75 – \$150

Reflects her signed and dated artist's mark, her appealing schoolgirl character, and clean, well-kept condition.



A schoolgirl in her red calico dress and white lace collar



*The artist's signature, written by hand on the back: © Renata
D'Asti, 2003*

History & Background

Renata D'Asti is an artisan known for handmade folk art cloth dolls, which found their greatest following among collectors in the 1980s and 1990s. Her dolls are made in the soft, stuffed-cotton tradition of the American folk doll: cloth bodies, yarn or curly hair, and distinctive hand-painted faces that give each doll its own character. They are valued for their charm and nostalgic appeal, and each one is made and finished by hand rather than produced in a factory.

This schoolgirl is one of her later pieces. Her signature is written in pen on the back of the body, where it reads © *Renata D'Asti 2003*, so she is dated as well as signed. That combination of a copyright mark, the artist's name, and a year is what separates a documented piece from an unmarked folk doll. She has a hand-painted face with a gentle smile, softly blushed cheeks, and dark eyes drawn with fine lashes. Her curly dark hair is made of looped gray-and-black yarn and is tied up with two red calico bows.

Her costume is as carefully made as the doll herself. She wears a red calico dress printed with tiny white and blue flowers, with puffed sleeves, a gathered skirt, and a white lace collar fastened with a single red button. Her cloth body is a warm cocoa brown, and her feet are dark cloth boots. She sits comfortably on a shelf, and she joined the Mom's Joy Room collection in October 2026, where she keeps company with the other Renata D'Asti dolls.

Notable Information

- ◆ Artist: Renata D'Asti, handmade folk art cloth dolls, popular with collectors from the 1980s and 1990s
- ◆ Signed and dated: hand-written © *Renata D'Asti 2003* on the back of the body (mark-confirmed attribution)
- ◆ Subject: African American schoolgirl character doll
- ◆ Construction: stuffed cotton cloth body, hand-painted face, looped yarn hair with calico bows
- ◆ Costume: red floral calico dress, white lace collar with red button, dark cloth boots
- ◆ Condition: clean and well kept; the dress and collar are intact and the face paint is bright
- ◆ Joined the collection: October 2026

Collector's Notes

A signed and dated piece is worth more than an unsigned one, and a dated signature lets a buyer place the doll in the artist's body of work. African American folk art dolls are collected both for their craftsmanship and as a part of American doll history, and this one is a particularly warm and cheerful example. Folk art cloth dolls like her should be kept out of direct sun and damp, and are best surface-cleaned with a soft, dry cloth.

*"She's dressed for school, with a ribbon in her hair and a smile that says she
knows the answer."*

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October 11, 2026