

MOM'S JOY ROOM

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*Effanbee Composition & Cloth Boy Doll
Early 1900s — 24"*

CURRENT MARKET VALUE

\$150 – \$350

*Based on 2024–2025 sold listings
for antique Effanbee 24" composition
boy dolls in good condition*

Antique Effanbee Boy Doll

Composition & Cloth Construction — 24"

Fleischaker & Baum (Effanbee) — New York, Early 1900s

HISTORY

The Effanbee Doll Company — whose name derives from the initials of its founders, Bernard Fleischaker and Hugo Baum — was established in New York City around 1910. Beginning as a small novelty business on Atlantic City's boardwalk, Fleischaker and Baum quickly grew their venture into one of America's most respected and beloved doll manufacturers. Effanbee pioneered the use of composition (a mixture of sawdust, glue, and other materials molded under pressure) to create durable, beautifully detailed doll heads and limbs, paired with soft cloth bodies for a huggable feel. Their early dolls, produced in the 1910s through 1930s, are regarded as some of the finest American-made composition dolls ever crafted — prized for their expressive hand-painted faces, sleep or flirty eyes, and charming period costumes. The company's motto, *"Dolls That Touch Your Heart,"* reflected their commitment to quality and emotional connection.

NOTABLE INFORMATION

- ◆ Manufacturer: Effanbee (Fleischaker & Baum) — New York City, est. 1910
- ◆ Type: Antique composition head & limbs with cloth body
- ◆ Size: 24 inches tall
- ◆ Era: Early 1900s — golden age of American composition dollmaking
- ◆ Features: Brown molded hair, gray-green flirty/sleep eyes, red lips
- ◆ Costume: Blue-gray newsboy cap, denim-style button overalls, patterned sweater
- ◆ Eyes: Flirty/sleep glass eyes — open & close with movement
- ◆ Face detail: Hand-painted features with subtle tear-drop accent — characteristic of early Effanbee artistry

- ✦ Construction: Composition shoulder head, composition lower limbs, stuffed cloth torso
- ✦ Condition: Good antique condition — face paint intact, costume original or period-appropriate

COLLECTOR NOTES

Large-format antique Effanbee composition boy dolls are considerably rarer than their girl counterparts and command strong collector interest. This 24" example displays fine facial detail — including the characteristic hand-painted features and expressive flirty eyes that define early Effanbee craftsmanship. The period-appropriate newsboy cap and button overalls add charm and authenticity. Examples in good condition with original or period costume and intact face paint regularly sell in the \$150–\$350 range, with exceptional large boy dolls reaching \$400 or more at specialty doll auctions.

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