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Bitsie — June Beckett Artist Doll

Beckett Originals • Carved Wood Head & Hands, Cloth Body • c.1975

ESTIMATED WORTH

\$75 – \$125

Reflecting her documented \$50-75 base value as a Beckett "Bitsie," plus the completeness of her original basket, bonnet, and rattle.



*Her hand-carved wood face, lace bonnet, and the "Beckett" label
sewn into her gown*



*Bitsie at rest in her original woven bassinet, with her lace trim
and rattle*

History & Background

Bitsie is a one-of-a-kind artist doll created in 1975 by June Beckett of Beckett Originals, whose small handmade dolls stood apart from the mass-produced composition, bisque, and vinyl babies of the era through their hand-carved wooden heads and hands. At roughly 6.5" long, she is diminutive even by

the standards of baby dolls, but every inch of her reflects individual handwork rather than a factory mold: her wood head bears its own hand-carved and hand-painted features, subtly individual the way only a hand-tool, not a casting mold, can produce.

Beckett signed her work through a small woven label sewn discreetly into the doll's own clothing, reading "Beckett," which survives intact on this example and provides direct, mark-confirmed attribution rather than a stylistic guess — a rarity among handmade cloth-and-wood dolls of this kind, where most examples arrive to us with no documentation at all. Her clothing was handcrafted to match: a pale blue gown with lace trim, a ribbon-tied lace bonnet, and a coordinating ribbon-trimmed rattle toy tucked into her keep, all in the soft, homespun palette typical of Beckett's christening-style presentation.

Bitsie has been kept in her original small woven bassinet basket, complete with a gingham-lined interior and lace-trimmed blanket — the kind of complete presentation set that was often broken up or lost over fifty years, making her survival as a full ensemble a genuine point in her favor. Documented sale and appraisal records for June Beckett's 1975 Bitsie dolls place her base value in the \$50-75 range for the doll alone; the completeness of her basket, bonnet, and accessory here supports a value toward the upper end of that range and beyond.

Notable Features

- ◆ June Beckett (Beckett Originals) one-of-a-kind artist doll, dated 1975
- ◆ Hand-carved wood head and hands, hand-painted features, cloth body
- ◆ "Beckett" label sewn into the doll's clothing — mark-confirmed attribution
- ◆ Handcrafted pale blue christening-style gown with lace trim and ribbon-tied bonnet
- ◆ Complete with original small woven bassinet basket, gingham lining, and lace-trimmed blanket
- ◆ Original rattle/toy accessory included
- ◆ Approximately 6.5" in length

Collector's Notes

Attribution here is mark-confirmed by the "Beckett" label sewn into her clothing, a genuine advantage over most handmade dolls of the period, which typically survive without any maker's documentation at all. She joined the Mom's Joy Room collection in September 2026, complete with her original basket and accessories.

"A wooden face carved with real hands, tucked into a basket meant to keep her safe for fifty years — and it did."

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