

Basic Detail Report



Title Stomacher

Date about 1720-1740

Primary Maker Unknown

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Medium Hand-stitched silk, with silk and metallic-thread embroidery and

metallic braid; linen tapes, linen interlining, and reed (probably) boning

Description Stomacher of cream-colored ribbed silk, embroidered in shades of

green, pink, yellow, and blue silk and metallic threads with a design of grapes

and stylized flowers blossoming on a slender, curling vine. There are six

decorative tab extensions on the bottom of the stomacher; these are also made

of the embroidered silk, and are edged with gold metallic braid. This metallic

braid edges the top of the stomacher, also. The stomacher is roughly triangular

in shape, with a two-inch extension forming a rounded point at the base; the

length of this extension is equal to that of the decorative tabs. Under an

interlining of linen, the stomacher is boned, probably with reed, as there is some

flexibility to it. Short, linen tape tabs stitched on either side of the stomacher

were used to pin the stomacher in place under the front edges of the gown

bodice. The reverse of the stomacher is lined with plain-woven, undyed silk.

There is an original eighteenth-century pin stuck in the back of one of the

decorative tab extensions at the bottom of the stomacher.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 14 x 8 3/4in. (35.6 x 22.2cm)