

Basic Detail Report



Title Quilted Petticoat

Date about 1740-1780

Primary Maker Frances Griswold

Medium Hand-stitched and machine-stitched silk, linen, and cotton, with unidentified batting (probably cotton) and metal hooks and eyes

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Description Quilted petticoat of cream-colored silk, densely quilted with stylized

designs, generally worked in concentric lines. A conical design worked in five

wing-shaped tiers is repeated around the petticoat. A 3 3/4-inch-wide band

around the bottom is quilted with a quatrefoil pattern. The top of the petticoat

is quilted in concentric chevron lines. The backing fabric is plain-woven linen;

the wadding is probably cotton. The top edge of the silk is stitched to a band of

twill-woven white cotton, which is pleated (using a machine-stitch) to a strip of

muslin, which in turn is machine-stitched to a wide waistband also of cotton.

(This alteration of the waistline was probably done c.1875-1925. The original

waistline would most likely have been controlled by a drawstring.) The bottom is

finished with a knife edge covered by a silk tape (now mostly frayed away.)

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x circumference at hem): 40 x 108in.

(101.6 x 274.3cm)