

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date about 1876-1880

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Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched wool/cotton challis, cotton, and silk, with silk-covered wooden buttons, wool hem tape, and metal hooks and eyes

Description Woman's princess line day dress, made of wool/cotton challis, printed with a design of alternate stripes of faux warp-print flowers in red, pink, and olive brown, and wavy bars of turquoise scattered with red and yellow dots.

The length of the center front is inset with a self-fabric panel decorated with horizontal bars of black silk ribbon. The seams of the dress alongside the panel, from the shoulderline to the hem, are trimmed with non-functioning buttons covered with black silk, piping covered with black silk, and a self-fabric ruffle with black silk. The neckline is high and round, finished with a narrow mandarin-type collar which is edged with black piping. The shoulderline is dropped; the armhole is piped. The coat sleeves are trimmed at the wrist openings with two bands of black silk ribbon and a pleated self-fabric ruffle, which is also edged with black silk ribbon. The dress opens along the left side of the center front panel; it fastens with metal hooks and thread eyes. There is a patch pocket bordered with black silk ribbon over the proper right hip. A double ruffle trimmed with the black ribbon is stitched down the center back of the dress. Three tiers of self-fabric ruffles edged with black ribbon are stitched across the bottom of the skirt back. The dress has a slight train. Two different white cottons line the dress; the bottom edge of the dress is lined with dark turquoise glazed cotton.

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Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center back length x width across shoulders):

60 5/8 x 15in. (154 x 38.1cm) Hem (circumference): 95in. (241.3cm)