

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date 1877-1880

Primary Maker Mrs. C. C. Moore

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Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched silk and cotton, with silk fringe, shell buttons, and silk velvet

Description Woman's morning dress of golden tan and black silk plaid, with a center front panel of black velvet edged with mauve silk fringe and a 1 1/8-inch-wide strip of piped purple silk. The dress opens down the entire length of the center front, and fastens with 24 disk-shaped shell buttons. The neckline is high and round, with a small turn-down collar of the black velvet. The armhole is piped. The sleeves are cut with an upper and lower seam like a coat sleeve and have turn-back cuffs of black velvet with purple piping. There is a patch pocket of the black velvet piped with purple on each side of the skirt front. A two-tiered self-fabric ruffle headed by a band of the purple silk and mauve fringe encircles the bottom of the skirt. The dress is fitted smoothly in the front with four darts extending from the hips to the bust. The back of the dress is also smooth, with the center back seam opening below the hipline to a doubled inverted box pleat to create fullness. The skirt has a short train. Brown cotton fabric lines the dress, with an extra lining of dark brown cotton around the hem.

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

52 1/4 x 16in. (132.7 x 40.6cm) Other (center back length): 60in. (152.4cm)