

Title Infant's Shirt

Date about 1840-1860

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched linen, with linen bobbin lace and cotton embroidery

Description Infant's shirt made of fine, white linen. The shirt is constructed of a

long, narrow rectangle, with the short ends folded to the center back. The top of
the folds are slit to accomodate the sleeves, which have a gusset for ease under
the arm. The sleeves are 2 3/4 inches long and are gathered at the shoulder.

They are ornamented with a row of whitework embroidery, a row of drawn
threadwork, and an edging of bobbin lace. The shoulder is inset with a strip of
bobbin lace, flanked by drawn threadwork. Vertical slits from the top edge
create flaps that fold down over the belly band. These flaps are ornamented
with a border of drawn threadwork and an edging of bobbin lace.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 9 1/4 x 17in. (23.5 x 43.2cm)