

# Basic Detail Report

## Title Woman's Hat

Date about 1940

Primary Maker Maude Jeannette Purvis

Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched sueded cotton with synthetic ribbon trim. Grosgrain ribbon (probably synthetic as well), elastic, and a loosely woven cotton fabric as lining.

Description Woman's hat made of red sueded cotton, decorated with black grosgrain ribbon and a ribbon tie. It is almost circular in shape, with a round brim and flat back. This small hat is made to perch on the top of the head. It is attached by a band of black grosgrain ribbon, one inch wide, that is stitched under the headband on the proper right side and sewn around a loop of elastic on the proper left. This suggests the hat is put on with the ribbon around the back of the head. The hat is constructed by drawing a circle of the red sueded cotton around a padding of black material to create the semi-circular brim, 2 1/2 inches wide at the center front. The gathered fabric is attached to a circle of loosely-woven black cotton. The crown is formed where the fabric is gathered. A ruffle, formed by a strip (two inches wide, then folded in half) of the red cotton is gathered up and attached over the black cotton in a serpentine design, creating a densely trimmed area approximately four inches in diameter. A black bow made from a nylon grosgrain ribbon is also stitched to the back among the red ruffles. The underside of the hat has a pink grosgrain headband, to which the underside of the brim is stitched. The hat is also lined with the black cotton. The

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union label is stitched under the headband at the back. The ties are attached as described above.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 1 1/2 x 7 3/4in. (3.8 x 19.7cm)