

Basic Detail Report



Title Waistcoat

Date about 1770-1780

Primary Maker Unknown

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Medium Hand-stitched silk, silk with metallic threads, linen, and silk/linen plush,
with metallic sequins and wire coils, and wooden button molds

Description Man's waistcoat of silk double weave with a face of fine gold
metallic threads. The waistcoat is embroidered with red foil flowers outlined
with metallic coils, connected by vines outlined in gold-tone metal sequins. The
waistcoat has a high, round neckline and center front opening that fastens with
eleven buttons covered in gold-thread embroidery. The lower center front is cut
away in an inverted V shape and the sides are flared towards the back. The
backing fabric is a gold-colored plush. The waistcoat has been made larger by
inserting a two-inch wide strip of the plush down the center back seam for 3 1/4
inches. The front of the vest is lined with a cream-colored silk twill. There is an
interlining of plain linen.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across chest): 28 1/2 x 19in.
(72.4 x 48.3cm)