

Basic Detail Report



Title Baptismal Dress

Date about 1875-1880

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched linen, with linen bobbin lace and mother of pearl buttons

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Description Infant's dress of fine, white linen, with particularly elaborate

decoration. The high, round neckline is edged with a self-fabric and bobbin lace

ruffle under a binding, through which is inserted a drawstring. The bodice front

and back are decorated with a wide square insert around the neckline, filled

with vertical bands of ruched self-fabric alternating with strips of whitework

embroidery. This square is edged with a self-fabric and bobbin lace ruffle. The

long sleeves are made entirely of the alternating bands of ruched self-fabric and

whitework. The wrists are edged with a double ruffle. Below the square bodice

insert, the dress fabric is stitched in vertical pleats for 5 1/2 inches, beyond

which the fullness is released. The skirt is decorated for a depth of fifteen inches

with rows of tucking above a band of the ruching and whitework, edged with a

deep flounce of tucking and finely embroidered scalloped whitework in a

teardrop and floral design. Bobbin lace is stitched under the edge of scalloped

whitework. The center back opening extends eleven inches and fastens with five

mother of pearl buttons and the drawstring around the neckline.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across bottom): 36 1/2 x 35 1

/2in. (92.7 x 90.2cm)