

Basic Detail Report



Title Man's Dressing Gown

Date about 1865-1870

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched wool/cotton, wool, and cotton,
with fabric-covered ferrous metal buttons

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Description Man's dressing gown of wool/cotton brocade, with an arabesque

floral design in green outlined in orange, on a dark olive-brown background. The

opening extends for the length of the center front; it fastens with three self-

covered buttons, lapping left over right. The dressing gown has a shawl collar

and two-piece coat sleeves. The sleeves are slightly gathered into the shoulder;

both sleeves are patched with matching pieces of fabric on the forearms. The

shoulder seams are dropped in the back. The gown flares from the shoulder to

the hem. The side back seams are pleated at the waist; a 9 1/4-inch-long self-

fabric tab is stitched at the top of the pleat on the proper right side, under a non-

functioning button. The tab could be buttoned at the top of the pleat on the left

side, controlling the fullness of the back; this button is now missing. The

dressing gown is lined with dark brown wool, printed with a design of small gold

and green ovals and red foliate designs. Through the moth holes and a seam

opening of the lining, an interlining or earlier lining of brown calico can be seen.

There is a wool twill tape stitched at the back of the neck for hanging the

garment, and a breast pocket is stitched inside the proper left side of the

dressing gown. The garment is accompanied by a bag of scraps of the olive and

green brocade.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 48 x 15in.

(121.9 x 38.1cm)