

Basic Detail Report



Title Girl's Dress

Date about 1880-1890

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Machine-stitched cotton with mother of pearl buttons and a bone button

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Description Girl's two-piece dress, consisting of a bodice (.a) and a skirt (.b),

made of white cotton printed with a small blue polka dot pattern. The bodice

has a 10 1/2-inch-long gathered peplum edged with scalloped whitework

embroidery. The high, round neckline is edged with a narrow ruffle of whitework

under a bias band of self-fabric, along with a two-inch-wide whitework ruffle

which spreads out towards the shoulders. The bodice is gathered into a yoke

across the shoulders and into the 1 5/8-inch-wide waistband. The long, two-

piece sleeves are fitted smoothly into the armscye, which is cut at the natural

shoulderline. The wrists are edged with a double ruffle of whitework under

narrow, bias-cut bands of self-fabric. The opening extends the length of the

center back and fastens with nine mother of pearl buttons. The skirt is smooth

across the front and gathered over the hips and across the back. It is decorated

with four tiers of ruffles edged with scalloped whitework. The center back

opening extends six inches and fastens with a single bone button on the

waistband.

Dimensions Bodice (bodice length x width across shoulders): 25 1/4 x 13in. (64.1

x 33cm) Skirt (skirt length): 25 1/4in. (64.1cm)