

Basic Detail Report



Title Woman's Cape

Date about 1880-1885

Primary Maker Arnold Constable & Co.

Medium Hand-stitched wool and silk, with silk fringe and ferrous metal hooks and eyes

Description Woman's dolman cape made from a Indian paisley shawl, woven in multiple colors, but predominantly red and black. (The motifs of the original

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shawl were separately woven and then stitched together to create the overall

shawl border, which was subsequently used for this cape.) The cape has a

standing band collar covered with thick purple chenille and multi-colored silk

fringe, which continues down the center front opening and around the bottom

fringe. The cape is constructed with a shoulder seam which continues down the

front and back, creating an extremely large armhole and a very low-set, short

sleeve with a wide arm opening. The sleeve opening is also trimmed with the

fringe. The cape is lined with dark red silk satin. A red silk ribbon is stitched

inside the center back seam for tying around the waist to keep the cape in place

on the body.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center back length x width between

shoulders): 44 1/2 x 13 3/4in. (113 x 34.9cm)