

Basic Detail Report



Title Bonnet

Date about 1845-1855

Primary Maker Mrs. Catharine Pettibone Root

Medium Hand-stitched and embroidered silk and buckram, with wire

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Description Woman's bonnet of grey silk with embroidered, graduated-size dots of orange silk floss. The flared brim is 3 1/2 inches wide at the center top; it is edged with a 3/4-inch strip of light brown velvet. The inside of the brim is lined with a complex weave silk fabric covered with net. The edge of the brim is stiffened with wire. The crown, 4 1/2 inches deep, has three rows of gathered gray silk, the last being edged by a wire. Behind the gathered rows are three overlapping folds. The back of the crown is decorated with three circles of consecutively smaller embroidered orange dots. The curtain is also embroidered this way, with an edging of velvet along the bottom. The curtain is lined with a brown net. The crown is supported by layers of stiffened fabrics, and lined with a loosely woven cotton. The tie for this bonnet is a 3/8-inch-wide green silk moire ribbon, tied in a knot at the center top of the brim, then looped up inside of the lower brim at each side, terminating in bows.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 11 x 10 x 8in. (27.9 x 25.4 x 20.3cm)