

Basic Detail Report

Title Skirt

Date about 1900-1908

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Machine-stitched and hand-stitched cotton, with hooks and eyes of various non-ferrous metals

Description Woman's skirt of fine white cotton. The skirt is constructed with gores to make it very full. Additionally, it is knife-pleated around the waist; the pleats are stitched down for twelve inches and then the fullness is released. The pleats start at the center front opposing each other and continue around the skirt, each side oriented in the same direction. The center back is closely gathered for a short distance on either side of the skirt opening, which extends about 10 1/2 inches below the waistband. Hooks and eyes are used for fastening the opening about mid-way up the length and at the waistband, which is 1 1/8 inches wide. A narrow strip of the skirt fabric is stitched along the proper right side of the opening and hooks behind the left side so that the skirt opening does not gap. There are two hooks at the center back of the waistband oriented up for attaching the skirt to a shirtwaist. The bottom of the skirt is faced with self-fabric for a depth of 3 5/8 inches. Above this, a 5/8-inch-wide tuck is taken around the skirt.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center back length x hem circumference): 43 3/4 x 210in. (111.1 x 533.4cm)