

Basic Detail Report

Title Woman's Shoes

Date about 1780

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched painted silk damask, silk tape, wood, and leather

Description Women's shoes made of the remains of a military standard, or flag, of red silk damask, painted in gold and black. The remnants of the painted design show letters on a banner: "OIT" on one shoe, and an "N" on the other, along with decorative swirls. The shoes have a pointed oval toe and a small Louis heel, covered in white silk damask. The leather sole is continuous over the front of the heel. Two latches crossing the vamp of the shoe would have buckled. The silk is lined with plain-woven linen, as is the inside of the sole. The silk is bound with cream-colored silk tape, which is mostly missing--revealing a hastily whipstitched edge. The tongue is pointed and the side seam is straight.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 4 x 3 x 8 1/4in. (10.2 x 7.6 x 21cm)