

Basic Detail Report

Title Quilted Petticoat

Date about 1820-1830

Medium Hand-stitched silk, cotton, and linen with cotton batting

Description Creamy-gold silk quilted petticoat. An 11 1/2-inch-wide border design of an undulating feather encircles the lower section of the petticoat. The background of this section is filled with parallel diagonal lines. Above this border, the petticoat is quilted in a diamond grid pattern. The petticoat skirt is knife-pleated into the muslin waistband, creating a box pleat at center front and center back. The petticoat opens on the left side; the waistband probably originally closed with hooks and eyes. The lower 13 3/4 inches of the petticoat is lined with the same creamy-gold silk as appears on the front. Above this, the lining is brown cotton, with a 5 1/2-inch band of fine, plain-woven linen at the top. The wadding is probably cotton. The bottom is finished with a narrow front-to-back edge. The quilting thread is a matching silk. There are nine stitches to the inch.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length): 36 1/2in. (92.7cm) Hem (circumference): 83in. (210.8cm)