

Title Infant's Shirt

Date about 1800-1840

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched cotton

Description Infant's shirt of plain, white cotton. It is constructed from a long, narrow rectangle of fabric, with the short ends folded to the center front. The neckline is cut out of the top edge; it is lower in front than in back, and has slightly rounded corners in front. One-quarter-inch-wide shoulder straps are stitched on each side, and the folded side edges are slit for about two inches. A 2-inch-wide sleeve is stitched into the resulting armhole, with a gusset for ease under the arm. The sleeve is gathered along the shoulder strap edge.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 9 1/2 x 13in. (24.1 x 33cm)