

Basic Detail Report



Title Girl's Dress

Date about 1880-1885

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Machine-stitched cotton, with mother of pearl buttons

Description Young girl's dress of white ribbed cotton, with a high, round neckline which is bound with self-fabric. The princess-seamed dress is decorated around

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the neckline and in the lower half of the center front panel with white soutache

braid laid out in arabesque and geometric designs. The soutache continues

around the bottom of the flared skirt, above a 3 1/2-inch-deep, whitework-

embroidered ruffle. The two-piece coat sleeves are decorated around the wrist

openings with the soutache. The center back opening extends 13 1/2 inches and

fastens with five mother of pearl buttons; an additional non-functioning button

decorates the bottom of the button placket. The skirt is gathered across the

back at approximately hip-level. This line of gathering is headed by a strip of

whitework embroidery, which also heads the ruffle at the bottom of the dress.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders x hem

circumference): 30 x 11 x 64in. (76.2 x 27.9 x 162.6cm)