

Basic Detail Report



Title Bonnet

Date 1856-1864

Primary Maker Sophia Wilcox

Medium Hand-stitched grass, reed or straw, with net, cotton fabric, and wire

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Description Woman's bonnet, also known as a spoon bonnet. The bonnet is

made of strips of straw or grass in a complex weave of flat fibers as the warp and

plied fibers as the weft. These strips, 3/4-inch-wide, are stitched to multiple

layers of net to form the distinctive spoon bonnet shape. A folded strip, creating

scalloped edges, is stitched to the edge. The brim is 3 7/8 inches wide at the

center top. Covered wire is used to shape the edge all around, and it is also

stitched to the line delineating the brim from the crown. The brim area is lined

with a loosely woven cotton pleated to fit and decorated underneath with five

small bows of pink fabric.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 12 x 9 x 9 1/2in. (30.5 x

22.9 x 24.1cm)