

Basic Detail Report



Title Shirtwaist

Date about 1905

Primary Maker Katharine Anna Klauder

Medium Machine-stitched silk and cotton

Description Tan-colored pongee silk (woven of slubbed threads), with high collar and three-quarter-length sleeves. The shirtwaist is decorated across the

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shoulders, center front, and sleeve cuffs with eyelet embroidery and inserts of chemical lace. The front of the shirtwaist is cut extra long so that it can be puffed out above the skirt in the fashionable "pouter pigeon" front. Closure at center back with thirteen silk-covered buttons. The shirtwaist's fullness is controlled at center back by pleating, stitched down under woven tapes for 1 1/2 inch on either side of the center back opening. The tapes then hang loose, so they can be tied around the waist to keep the shirtwaist from popping out of the skirt.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (center front length): 23 1/2in. (59.7cm)