

Basic Detail Report

Title Boy's Dress and Hat

Date 1890s

Primary Maker Lawrence Eddy

Medium Dress (.a): Machine-stitched cotton, with mother of pearl buttons. Hat (.

b): Machine-stitched wool, silk, cotton, and vinyl, with cardboard and wire.

Description Small boy's sailor dress (.a) made of white, stiff, rib-woven cotton.

The dress has a wide, round neckline, which is piped and controlled by a

drawstring. A semicircular, gathered bib of machine-made chemical lace

extends from the center front of the neckline. The dress is sleeveless, but it has 5

1/2-inch-wide ruffles of plain white cotton with wide chemical lace edging

extending from the neckline. These ruffles taper to the waistline, flanking five

vertical box pleats stitched down the center of the bodice. The skirt is pleated.

The back of the dress is identical to the front, with the exception of the "bib."

Additionally, the back of the dress has a ten-inch placket with six 3/8-inch

hidden white buttons. The sailor hat (.b) is made of cream-colored machine-

knitted wool. A rib-woven silk band lined with vinyl resembling leather fits

around the head below the flat, round crown. A large silk pom-pom (four inches

in diameter) is stitched in the center of the crown. The round shape of the crown

is supported by a wire or reed around the circumference, inside the lining. The

band underneath the crown features a woven motif of a blue anchor at the

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center front. Two ribbons matching this band (12 inches long x 2 1/4 inches

wide) are attached at the center back. Cardboard is used as an interlining to

provide stiffness. The inside of the crown is lined with white, plain-woven silk.

Dimensions Component (dress length x width): 20 1/2 x 23 1/2in. (52.1 x 59.7cm)