

Basic Detail Report

Title Girl's Stays

Date about 1765-1775

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched linen and leather with unidentified boning

Description Stays for a girl aged about four or five years old. The front covering is beige linen, as is the lining. The top and bottom edges are bound with soft, white leather. The center front panel has a 3 1/4-inch-wide square edge at the bottom, which flares to six inches at the top. The stays are constructed with seven separate panels which are whipstitched together. Each panel is stitched with coarse thread in rows to create casings for the boning. The bottom edge of the stays is tabbed. The stays close up the center back with spiral lacing.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across top edge): 8 3/4 x 19in.

(22.2 x 48.3cm)