

Basic Detail Report

Title Infant's Shirt

Date 1858

Primary Maker Emeline Beebe

Medium Hand-stitched cotton, with bobbin lace

Description Infant's shirt of fine, white cotton, very finely stitched. The shirt is made of a long rectangle of fabric, with the narrow ends folded to the center back. The top edge of the back is gathered into a narrow band while the front is smooth. The addition of the short sleeves on the sides creates a wide, square neckline. The neckline is edged with narrow bobbin lace. The sleeves are cut as a long, narrow rectangle, with one lower corner turned up diagonally to create a gusset effect under the arm. The sleeves consist mainly of a one-inch band of bobbin lace, edges with a scalloped ruffle of another bobbin lace. A buttonhole is stitched on the right side of the opening at the neckline band, but the corresponding button is missing. Decorative backstitching is worked the length of the neckline band.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 9 1/2 x 15 1/2in. (24.1 x 39.4cm)