

Basic Detail Report

Title Man's Vest

Date about 1865

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Machine-stitched silk/cotton, cotton, and wool, with glass and brass

buttons, a ferrous metal buckle, and cotton (probably) wadding

Description Man's vest of black velvet with a woven stripe and brown/cream dot.

The vest is for a very large man. It is double-breasted and has a shawl collar. The eight buttons (two are missing) are ball-shaped black glass with a sparkly, copper-colored swirl, with a brass shank. The vest has a breast pocket on the proper left side and a 6 1/2-inch-wide pocket on each lower front. Amazingly, the vest upper front is padded with wadding. The vest backing is dark brown, twill-woven, glazed cotton. The fit of the vest is adjusted with a self-fabric buckled strap across the lower back. The vest lining is white twill-woven cotton.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across chest): 27 x 32 1/2in.

(68.6 x 82.6cm)