

Basic Detail Report

Title Bonnet

Date 1880-1890

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched straw, silk, and starched cotton, with cotton faux flowers, wire, beetle body, mica (probably) glitter, and non-ferrous metal ornaments

Description Woman's straw bonnet, with pale peach and reddish-brown twill-woven silk fabric twisted over the brim. The silk is overlaid across the top and proper right side with faux flowers and leaves highlighted with silver glitter. There is a bright blue beetle nestled into the flowers on the right side. On the proper left side, the bonnet is decorated with two large, silver-toned, faceted metal beads, and a gold-toned metal ornament resembling a mechanical pencil with a tuning fork. The natural-colored straw is woven in a design resembling a picket fence, alternating with a strip of plain weave. The straw of the back (crown) of the bonnet is worked in a U-shape. The brim is four inches deep at the top of the bonnet and fits closely to the face. The edge of the bonnet is faced with gathered tan-colored silk satin, while the body of the bonnet is lined with heavily starched, loosely-woven, white cotton. The bonnet ties with three-inch-wide, tan-colored satin ribbons.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 9 x 7 1/2 x 4 1/2in.

(22.9 x 19.1 x 11.4cm)