

Basic Detail Report

Title Dress

Date 1805-1810

Primary Maker Charlotte Perkins

Medium Hand-stitched cotton muslin

Description Woman's dress of sheer, white muslin embroidered with white cotton dots throughout and stylized floral garlands and sprays around the hem.

The dress is styled with a very high waistline (1 3/8 inches below the armhole), a wide square neckline, and short, slightly puffed sleeves. The dress is entirely unlined. (A separate, reproduction pink underdress currently lines the dress).

The closure is at center back, with a drawstring at the neckline and waistline.

The skirt is flat in front and gathered in back. The sleeves are set into the armhole smoothly in front and slightly gathered in the back. The back dress bodice is narrow--about 6 1/2 inches from armscye seam to armscye seam. The fit of the top edge of the bodice front is controlled by a drawstring.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (width at waist x length): 16 1/2 x 52in. (41.9 x 132.1cm) Hem (circumference): 67in. (170.2cm)