

Basic Detail Report

Title Stomacher

Date about 1720-1740

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched silk, with silk and metallic-thread embroidery and metallic braid; linen tapes, linen interlining, and reed (probably) boning

Description Stomacher of cream-colored ribbed silk, embroidered in shades of green, pink, yellow, and blue silk and metallic threads with a design of grapes and stylized flowers blossoming on a slender, curling vine. There are six decorative tab extensions on the bottom of the stomacher; these are also made of the embroidered silk, and are edged with gold metallic braid. This metallic braid edges the top of the stomacher, also. The stomacher is roughly triangular in shape, with a two-inch extension forming a rounded point at the base; the length of this extension is equal to that of the decorative tabs. Under an interlining of linen, the stomacher is boned, probably with reed, as there is some flexibility to it. Short, linen tape tabs stitched on either side of the stomacher were used to pin the stomacher in place under the front edges of the gown bodice. The reverse of the stomacher is lined with plain-woven, undyed silk. There is an original eighteenth-century pin stuck in the back of one of the decorative tab extensions at the bottom of the stomacher.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 14 x 8 3/4in. (35.6 x 22.2cm)