

Basic Detail Report

Title Woman's Shoes

Date about 1746

Primary Maker Hannah Edwards

Medium Hand-stitched and embroidered silk and metallic threads on silk and linen, leather, and wood

Description White silk shoes, embroidered in silk and metallic threads with stylized floral designs. The shoes have slightly upturned, pointed toes and a Louis heel. Two tabs extending up the sides are punched for a ribbon tie. The tongue is wide and square. A white kid rand is stitched between the sole and the upper around the vamp of each shoe. The leather sole is continuous over the front of the heel. The heels are covered with white silk satin. The shoes are straight, not right and left. A silk tape binds the edges of the upper. The silk embroidery is worked through the plain-woven linen lining. The stitches include long-and-short, outline, couching, and French knots. Each toe is worked with a thistle, from which emanates a stylized iris flower with a green frond curving over it. Other flowers include carnations and less identifiable species. Colors include pink, blue, red, and green in the silk, and gold metallic thread.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 4 3/4 x 3 1/8 x 9in.

(12.1 x 7.9 x 22.9cm)