

Basic Detail Report

Title Dress

Date about 1940

Primary Maker Elizabeth Chester Matson

Medium Machine-stitched rayon with glass and metal beads and faux pearls;
metal zipper

Description Black crepe evening dress, with the V-neckline inset with three-inch wide sheer brown fabric; this inset is dotted with bronze-colored beads and faux pearls. The black crepe dress fabric edging the brown neckline inset is thickly embellished with the bronze beads and faux pearls in a shallow scalloped design. The sleeves are long, straight, and narrow. The bodice is pleated at the center front waistline. The center front of the skirt is gathered into a shallow point three inches below the waistline. The dress closes with a metal zipper set into the proper left side seam. There are two thread belt loops at the waist side seams.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 42 x 13in. (106.7 x 33cm)