

Basic Detail Report

Title Dress

Date about 1860

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched cotton, with brass hooks and eyes, and unidentified wadding

Description Woman's work dress of red, green, brown, and white cotton plaid.

The dress bodice is very plain, with a high, round neckline, dropped shoulderline, and a slightly dipped waistline. The bodice is fitted with two eight-inch darts on either side of the center front opening, which closes with brass hooks and eyes. There are no back seams. The sleeves are straight, with two self-fabric puffs at the top of the arm, and a rounded turn-back cuff at the wrist. The skirt is gathered to the bottom edge of the bodice. The neckline, armscye seams, and waistline edge are piped. The bodice is lined with plain-woven, natural-colored cotton. There is heavy padding in the bust area, of cotton wadding covered by tan cotton fabric, which is basted in place (this is old, but does not appear to be an original part of the dress construction). The left front edge of the bodice opening was originally boned.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 60 x 21in.

(152.4 x 53.3cm) Hem (circumference): 142in. (360.7cm)