

Basic Detail Report

Title Quilted Petticoat

Date about 1830-1850

Medium Hand-stitched silk and cotton with cotton batting and silk/cotton cord

Description Quilted petticoat of gold-brown ombre silk, with woven floral design. [Note: Interestingly, the silk is sewn with the back to the front, suggesting that it was recycled from a worn-out dress skirt that was cut apart and turned.] The petticoat is quilted in a diamond grid around the lower sixteen inches, and in parallel vertical lines above this. It is gathered into a tan cotton waistband. The backing fabric is a cylinder-printed brown cotton in a striped floral and fern design. The bottom edge is bound with black velvet. The quilting is done in ecru silk thread at seven stitches to the inch. A brown silk cord for tying the petticoat on (not original) is stitched to each side of the waistband opening.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length): 41 1/2in. (105.4cm) Hem (circumference): 91in. (231.1cm)