

Basic Detail Report

Title Infant's Shirt

Date about 1839

Primary Maker Mrs. Sallie H. Brainard

Medium Hand-stitched linen, with linen bobbin lace

Description Infant's shirt of very fine, white linen. It is cut as a long rectangle, with the two ends folded to the center back. The sleeves are made by slashing the fabric for four inches on the folded edge, and in a curve, down from the top edge. The two tabs thus created are seamed together to form a shoulder strap. A strip of fabric, about 1 1/4-inch-wide, cut with a double curve, is stitched around the armhole, so that the ends of the curve meet at the top of the shoulder. The shoulder strap folds back over the top of the arm. All of these edges are finished with one-inch-wide Cluny-type bobbin lace. The flaps created at front and back from cutting the fabric for the shoulder straps are rounded and fold down to prevent the belly band from chafing the baby. These flaps are also edged with the lace. All stitching is very fine.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 8 x 14in. (20.3 x 35.6cm)