

Basic Detail Report

Title Infant's Shirt

Date about 1820-1850

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched cotton, with machine-made cotton bobbin-type lace

Description Infant's shirt of white cotton. The shirt is constructed of a long, narrow rectangle with the short ends folded to the center back. The folds on the sides are slit for 2 1/2 inches to create an armhole for the sleeve. The sleeve is 1 3/4-inch wide and is gathered at the top into the armhole. A gusset provides ease under the arm. Four more slits along the top edge create flaps that would fold down over the belly band to prevent chafing. This creates a wide, square neckline. The flaps are edged with narrow machine-made bobbin lace.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 7 x 12 1/4in. (17.8 x 31.1cm)