

Basic Detail Report

Title Infant's Shirt

Date 1854

Primary Maker Julia Hebard

Medium Hand-stitched cotton and bobbin lace

Description Infant's shirt of fine white cotton. The shirt is made of a long rectangle of fabric, with the narrow ends folded to the center back to create the opening. These edges are selvage, so the fabric is $24 \frac{3}{4}$ inches wide. The fold on each side is slit for about $3 \frac{1}{4}$ inches to set in the sleeve, which consists of a very fine cotton ruffle edged with bobbin lace, with a gusset at the bottom. The shoulder seams are faggoted. The top edge of the fabric is slit at an angle, creating an approximately triangular-shaped shoulder strap. This inside edge of the shoulder strap is edged with lace; the point folds back towards the outside of the arm. The flaps across the front and back that are created by the slanted cuts are narrow-hemmed and are meant to fold down over the belly band.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width): 9 x 14in. (22.9 x 35.6cm)