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Title Man's Suit

Date about 1895

Primary Maker William Hutchinson Putnam

Medium Machine- and hand-stitched wool houndstooth with cotton linings, metal buckles, plastic buttons.

Description Man's three-piece suit made from wool, black and grey hounds tooth pattern with a fine line of red in a windowpane check as an accent.

1962.24.1a - Jacket - center front, single-breasted closure with four plastic buttons (two holes) in a brown color. Corresponding machine-stitched

buttonholes on the proper left side, with an additional buttonhole in the lapel. A

flap pocket is placed over each hip; the proper right pocket has an additional

internal pocket. The buttons create a closing that is fairly high on the chest. The

back has a center seam and a seam on each side; there are no underarm seams.

The sleeves, constructed of upper and lower pieces, do not have a pronounced

curved shape. Each ends in plain cuff with two buttons stitched on to a faux flap.

There are several linings used throughout the jacket. The pockets are lined with

a dark brown twill. The sleeves are lined with a light-weight striped cotton. The

body of the jacket is lined with a charcoal grey twill, which is also used as a

facing for pocket flaps. Each side front has an internal breast pocket. There is a

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strip of the grey twill stitched to the center back neck. 1962.24.1b - vest - center

front closure with six plastic buttons (two holes) in a brown color.

Corresponding machine made buttonholes on the proper left side. Each side

front has two pockets, stitched with upturned flaps, one at each breast and the

others at waist level. There is an additional breast pocket inside the proper right

side. The back is made of the charcoal twill fabric that lines the jacket. The

center back seam has a slight curve in the hemline to the center, and a slit 2

inches long. A belt of the twill is stitched across each side back, closing in the

center with a metal buckle. The vest is lined with an off-white fabric (satinette?).

1961.24.1c - trousers - front fly closure with four plastic buttons (four holes) of a

grey color. The buttons have a decorative stamp on them. An additional flap

fastener extends from the fly on the proper right side, to fasten with a button on

the left. The waistband, approximately 1 5/8 inches wide, has two additional

buttons at the top of the fly and suspender buttons spaced around the waist. It

is split at the center back with belt sections stitched at the back, closing with a

metal buckle, to allow for adjustment of the waist. There is a watch pocket

stitched into the waistband seam on the proper right side. Side pockets are

stitched into each side seam. Each side back has a slightly curved inset pocket.

Each narrow leg of the trousers ends with a curved hem; the leg is about 3/4 inch

longer in the back. The pockets and waistband lining are a white satinette fabric.

All of the seams and pockets are finished with machine zigzag stitching.

Dimensions Component (length down center back x width across shoulders): 30

1/2 x 13 1/4in. (77.5 x 33.7cm)