

Basic Detail Report



Title Dress

Date 1805-1812

Primary Maker Charlotte Perkins

Medium Hand-stitched cotton muslin

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Description Sheer, white cotton muslin dress, with very high waist, short puffed

sleeves, wide square neckline, and white cotton embroidery in a diagonal band

across the skirt front and around the hem. Center back closing with a drawstring

at the neckline and at the waistline. Only the side panels of the bodice are lined.

The sleeves are set in smooth in front and gathered in the back; the sleeve

openings gather on a drawstring. The center front bodice panel is decorated

across the top edge with a line of embroidery of 8-petaled flowers and circular

motifs filled with pulled thread work. This bodice panel gathers on a drawstring

across the top to control the fit; the bottom edge is slightly gathered into the

high waistline seam, which is only 2 1/4 inches below the armhole seam. The

front of the dress is smooth at the waistline; the back is gathered. The diagonal

band of embroidery across the skirt front and around the hem is similar to that

of the front bodice panel, with the same 8-petaled flowers and circular motifs,

along with a garland-like design with leafy fronds.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (width at the waist x length): 15 x 52in. (38.1 x

132.1cm)