Basic Detail Report

Title Top Hat

Date 1854-1856

Primary Maker E. S. Hamilton

Medium Hand-stitched and machine-stitched fur, silk, and paper

Description Man's black top hat of fur felt. The crown flares slightly up from the narrow, 2 1/2-inch-wide brim. A narrow black satin ribbon encircles the base of the crown. The brim is edged with a thin, black band. The interior of the hat has bits of thread around the crown, probably remaining from the sweatband stitching. The black silk lining and green paper interlining have separated from the hat and are now loose inside the crown. The silk lining appears to be a combination weave of grosgrain and satin stripes.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including brim x depth including brim): 6 1/2 x 11 1/2 x 13 3/8in. (6 1/2in., 29.2 x 34cm)