

Basic Detail Report



Title Girl's Dress

Date about 1855

Primary Maker Mary Alexander

Medium Hand-stitched cotton, with mother of pearl buttons and machine-made lace

Description Child's dress of white cotton, woven with heavier threads to create a plaid pattern. The neckline is wide and round. The bodice is gathered into the yoke and into the 1 1/4-inch-wide waistband. The short sleeves consist of two

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layers of flared self-fabric ruffles, edged with machine-made lace. The armscye

and waistline seams are piped. The full skirt is gathered all around the waist.

Two 5 1/2-inch-wide flounces of self-fabric, cut on the bias and edged with lace,

decorate the skirt. The center back opening extended originally about 12 1/4

inches (it has torn beyond this point); it fastens with five mother of pearl

buttons. The bodice is lined with plain, white cotton.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across top): 24 1/4 x 16in. (61.6

x 40.6cm)