Basic Detail Report



Title Wrapper

Date about 1860

Primary Maker Unknown

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Medium Hand-stitched cotton, with one porcelain button and other buttons of brass and an unidentified material (possibly gutta percha which has been damaged by washing)

Description Woman's wrapper of cotton lawn, printed with a pale chartreuse and lavender floral and vine design. The neckline is high and round, with a piped edge. A removeable turn-down collar, which is 5 1/4 inches wide at the front, is basted in place. The collar and the center front opening are edged with 2 3/8-inch-wide bands of cotton fabric printed in a faux warp print design of green horizontal stripes interspersed with small circles arranged in ovals. The wrapper's opening extends the length of the center front and closes with thirteen buttons; the original buttons are of an openwork brass design. The waistline of the wrapper is controlled by a drawstring across the front. The skirt is gathered into the bodice in the back. The long, two-piece "bishop" sleeves are gathered into the dropped armscye and into a cuff of the green faux warp print fabric. The armscyes are piped. The bodice and sleeves are lined with plain white cotton, while the skirt is lined with a lightweight cotton, printed in a plaid design of light brown and light blue on off-white. The bodice is constructed of three pattern pieces, seamed at the sides and shoulders. This wrapper would have been appropriate for maternity wear.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x width across shoulders): 53 1/2 x 21in. (135.9 x 53.3cm)