

Basic Detail Report



Title Bonnet

Date 1860-1870

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched braided straw, with silk ribbons, silk fabric, loosely woven cotton fabric, net, and wire

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Description Woman's bonnet of dark brown braided straw with rusty-brown silk

ribbon trim. The brim lies close to the face at the sides, angling up at the center top, which is four inches wide. The underside of the brim is lined with black silk.

Wire is stitched under the silk at the outer edge to stiffen the brim all around.

The ends of the brim are several inches longer than the line at the back of the

neck. These ends are slightly pointed, angling back to meet the line at the base

of the crown. The crown is approximately 3 1/2 inches deep at the center top

and a scant half inch at the neck. The oval back is four inches wide and five

inches high. A wide (3 1/4 inches) ribbon of a rusty-red color is used to decorate

this bonnet. The ribbon is draped around the intersection between the crown

and brim and around to the bottom edge of the crown. The same ribbon is used

as ties and for a narrow curtain (1 5/8 inches wide) along the bottom edge. This

curtain (or "bavolet"), lined with net, has a box pleat at the center back and a

single pleat at each side. The ties extend a minimum of nineteen inches from the

brim. There is a set of narrower ties attached to the brim beneath the wider silk

ribbons. These ties are a light brown silk ribbon, one inch wide. The crown is a

strip of brown, loosely-woven cotton fabric stitched to the inside around the

edge. The bottom of the crown is reinforced with a strip of braided straw.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 8 3/8 x 6 3/8 x 7in.

(21.3 x 16.2 x 17.8cm)