Basic Detail Report

Title Woman's Hat

Date about 1905

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Hand-stitched and machine-stitched of machine-embroidered cotton, machine-made lace, velvet ribbon, fabric flowers on wire supports, a lining of sheer cotton, and a wire frame

Description Woman's hat made from white, machine-embroidered cotton decorated with a purple velvet ribbon and artificial flowers in pinks, mauve, and yellow, with an underbrim of net lace. This hat is quite large, reminiscent of a mob cap in shape, and meant to sit on the large hairstyles of the early twentieth century. It is built on a frame of covered wire. The brim is made of cutwork-embroidered white cotton, with a decorative edging. It is six inches all around from the seam with the crown. Only about 3 7/8 inches of the brim shows beyond the sides of the crown. The fabric is gathered at the seam between the brim and the large crown, whose sides overhang the brim. The underside of the brim is decorated with lace: six rows of one-inch-wide, machine-made net lace are stitched together. There is an additional piece of plain-woven fabric in between these two decorative fabrics. The crown has a circular top with an approximately ten inch diameter. The sides are over two inches wide, angling out over the brim on the wire support. The crown is made of a different cutwork fabric with a lining of a plain-woven fabric. The hat is built over a frame of covered wire. It is lined with a sheer cotton fabric, stitched to the seam between

the brim and crown and drawn up inside the crown with a gathering stitch. The hat is decorated with a wide (1 7/8 inches wide), bright purple, velvet ribbon that surrounds the crown at its base. Large fabric flowers in bright pink, pale yellow, and mauve are combined with narrow, purple striped leaves, obscuring the velvet ribbon along one side of the hat. A hatpin, 2 3/4 inches long, with a faux pearl top, is stuck in the brim of the hat. It remains there.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (length x height x width): 16 x 3 3/8 x 16in. (40.6 x 8.6 x 40.6cm)