



Quilted Petticoat

Medium

Silk, glazed linen, glazed cotton, wool, wool batting

Description

A woman's quilted petticoat of drab grayish-green silk with a set-in waistband. The front of the petticoat is fashioned into large pleats, while the rear of the petticoat is gathered. The skirt has a single seam down the proper right side, with the upper 11 inches left as a pocket access slit. An additional slit of 8 1/2 inches, now sewn closed, was originally open along the proper left side of the petticoat. Both side slits are bound with drab grayish-green silk. All but the upper 3 1/2 inches of the petticoat is quilted in elaborate and finely worked patterns of sunflowers, tulips, grape bunches, meandering feather bands, and other floral and foliate motifs all with diagonal line stitching in 1/8 inch spacing, with approximately 14 stitches to the inch. The quilting pattern appears to have an identifiable "front" with a large sunflower and tulip with

feathered vines radiating outward, with no apparent repeat of motifs. The waistband has been reworked at some point, however, shifting the central elements slightly to the left. The hem is banded with tightly felted wool moleskin and a dark grayish-green wool edging with pinked scallops. The petticoat's lining is coarsely woven glazed gray linen. Small areas of wear reveal that the garment's batting consists of rich reddish-brown wool.

Dimensions

40 in. (101.6 cm)