Stays

Place of origin: England (possibly, made)
France (possibly, made)

Date: ca. 1790 (made)

Artist/Maker: Unknown

Materials and Techniques: Cotton with silk embroidery, boning, and lined with linen

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Descriptive line

Short diaphragm-length pair of stays (corset) of cotton with silk embroidery, boning, and lined with linen, possibly made in France or England, ca. 1790

Physical description

Short diaphragm-length pair of stays (corset) with pointed tabs about the bottom. White cotton, boned, lined with white linen and stitched with black thread. Bones held in with back stitch, but gathered breast gussets edged with embroidered silk specks (originally pale blue) and there are scalloped bands under the arm. Central bone accented with white silk ribbon lacing (decorative). Padded and stiffened tabs attached to back edges of back-lacing in back, probably to act as a bustle or dress support.

Dimensions

Circumference: 80 cm bust, Circumference: 57 cm waist, just above tabs/lower ribs, Height: 18 cm front, Height: 27 cm back

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