



Walking Dress

Medium

Corded silk, voided velvet, cotton

Description

A woman's three piece walking or promenade gown, including a bodice, skirt, and dolman or cape. The bodice is constructed of burgundy silk in a corded weave, with a standing collar, closely fitted and shaped long sleeves, and a princess waist. The bodice closes down the front with twenty-two crocheted covered ball buttons, with rows of decorative vertical tucks on either side of the center closure. Individual dark olive green plush velvet geranium leaves are appliqued down the left and right front bodice sides, along the back of the rear princess waist, and pairs of leaves on both sleeve ends, all sewn with tiny buttonhole outline stitching. Both cuffs include bands of multiple horizontal tucks and narrow off-white net lace ruffles. The bodice is fully lined with tan twill woven cotton. A brown glazed cotton band is sewn inside the

bodice a waist stay tape. The gown's separate skirt is constructed of alternating panels of voided velvet, with a burgundy ground and deep olive green plush large naturalistic geranium leaves, and gathered panels of corded burgundy silk in the front and corded silk at the back. The skirt is walking or ankle length, with a two inch band of pleated ruffles around the entire hem width. The skirt includes a fitted waistband with a single button closure set at the proper left side. the fabric is gathered into closely set cartridge pleats along the back to accomodate a shallow bustle effect. The skirt is entirely lined with glazed brown cotton, and a half length of steel boning is sewn horizontally to the inside of the skirt, within a brown cotton casing, at the wearer's knee height. The gown includes a separate dolman, or fitted capelet, constructed entirely of voided velvet with a burgundy ground and dark olive green geranium leaves. The dolman has a standing collar and four hooks and eyes down the front for closure. The dolman is lined with a lightweight pale gray plain weave silk, with a maroon silk satin ribbon sewn to the center back as a waist stay tape.

Dimensions

Bodice: 22 in. (55.9 cm) Skirt: 40 in. (101.6 cm) Dolman: 34 in. (86.4 cm)