

# Basic Detail Report

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## Stays

### Medium

Linen, reed or wood

### Description

A pair of woman's or young girl's stays, of two layers of dark tan linen, bound with yellow-beige linen fabric. The stays are cut straight across the front of the chest, scooping slightly under the arms, rising to the shoulder

blades at back. The stays close at back with nine staggered eyelets on either edge. The stays' bottom edge has bound rounded tabs. The boning appears to be of thin wood or reed strips. The stays are comprised of eight pieces, with extensive wear noted. Several small linen patches have been sewn near the tabs to prevent boning strips from poking or irritating the garment's wearer. The boning strips in the front panel remain, while all others appear to have been removed.

### Dimensions

11.5 in. (29.2 cm)