

1795-1810 Transitional Stays

Genesee Country Village & Museum Susan Greene Costume Collection G2006.142

Does NOT include seam allowances

All pieces (EXCEPT Piece 4 Gusset) made with 2 layers of plain weave nankeen.
Entirely hand-stitched in yellowish silk thread.
All edges bound with self plain weave nankeen. Stitched to front side, turned over raw edge, then whipped down on interior side.
Baleen stays each 3/8" wide - many now removed.
Evidence of shoulder straps - stitching at **A** & **B** indicated presence of narrow shoulder strap.
Meant to be pinned in CF - numerous holes exist in this area.
Widened by insertions of gussets at the side waist.
High back meant to sit at shoulder blade level, with low front slightly scooped.

Grain Line Indicator

CF = 1" **FULL BUST - 43"**
UNDERBUST - 42"
WAIST - 41"

