**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.