

Skirt - Part of women's wear

Textile and Costume Collection

Accession Nr.: 13758 

Date of production: late 18th century

Place of production: Hungary; Italy (presumably)

Materials: silk damask

Dimensions: length: 102 cm
width: 305 cm
height: 140 cm

This eighteenth century dress is a representative example of early modern Hungarian aristocratic female costume: defined by the widely tailored skirt and laced apron, the white linen shirt on which the baggy sleeves were tied with ribbons, and the bodice around the waist worn above the shirt was also laced with a long ribbon.

The dress's skirt is likely tailored of a blue silk-damask with a large flower pattern woven in Italy. The heavily pleated skirt has a width of 80 cm with over three meters of fabric. The bodice, a lighter tone and different pattern than the skirt, is decorated with gold-plated silver thread lace patterns with enameled fasteners.

The current reconstruction of the dress is made possible with a modern linen shirt and ribbons on the sleeves and bodice.

Further representative examples of eighteenth-century aristocratic costume worn in Hungary include a costume of French silk textile in the Museum of Applied Arts (see [here](#)), and the dress preserved in the Majthény family collections now housed in the Hungarian National Museum (see [here](#)).

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