



STORIES FROM THE SEA

PIRATE OBJECTS



CALICO BODICE

Date made

About 1725 - 1775

Object ref.

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Credit

Norwich Castle Museum, Costume and Textile Collections

Description

This piece of clothing is called a bodice. It would be worn by women and girls. It is made from a material called calico which is a type of cotton. Calico can be printed with lots of beautiful patterns and is very bright and colourful. One of the most famous pirates in history was Jack Rackham, also known as Calico Jack.

Calico Jack spent his treasure on brightly coloured clothes and liked to look very stylish, he also invented the Jolly Roger flag.

Questions

1. 550 mm This bodice would be worn by a lady, but why wouldn't a female pirate wear it?
2. Calico Jack liked to design his own patterns and flags. Design your own pirate flag.
3. Do you think a bodice would be a good thing to wear on a ship? Why do you think that?