CB21 Wine & gold flocked brocade lined Spencer, 18-20

This Spencer is made from a heavy, stiff flocked brocade with a bodice lining in a burgundy / gold silky polyester. The fabric was washed before sewing using a delicate wash cycle, but should probably be laundered separately in the future to avoid any colour run as it is a very deep shade. The armhole seams proved too bulky to be bound, so are securely zig-zagged in place. There are gold-coloured military style buttons used as decoration at the underbust band and a small one as a closure at the neck. A concealed hook and bar is used to fasten the Spencer at the underbust. When fastened and laid flat, the garment measures 22 and a half inches from underarm to underarm seam, but there is a little extra ease due to the fullness at the front for the bust. There is a small overlap down the front opening of about an inch. The best way to enlarge the Spencer if necessary in the future would be to cut off and finish the edge of the underband overlaps - thereby making the garment an edge-to-edge jacket, ideal for a couple of frog fasteners to be attached. The sleeves measure 24 inches from shoulder seam to cuff edge, but these have been very simply finished with a turn over hem to make shortening easy; the only way to lengthen would be to attach a lace flounce at the cuff. The measurement at centre back to lower edge is approximately 15 inches.

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