



Robe

Date
1900-1920

Medium
Silk

Description
With rows of embroidered roundels decorated with bats and the characters for longevity (shou), this women's domestic robe is typical of the flamboyant style developed at the private court of Dowager Empress Cixi, which continued after the collapse of the Qing Dynasty. Both the bats and shou characters are auspicious symbols in

Chinese culture: a wish for good luck and health.

Dimensions
63 × 56 3/8 in. (160 × 143.2 cm)