

Condition Report- Blue Bathing Suit

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Description:

Blue 1940's Printed one piece bathing suit by Catalina with ruffles, a bow, and Shirred back. The top bust portion of the bathing suit is made from a plain blue cotton-like fabric which is interrupted halfway down the bust with a ruffle made from the printed fabric. The blue printed fabric is also a cotton-like material with depiction of two stick figures, one angel, and one devil in barrel holding hands. This motif repeats in the vertical and the horizontal. The center front seam on the torso is completed with a small Shirring effect. The bottom portion of the bathing suit is a bloomer-like short made from the plain blue material completed with three large ruffles positioned in a cascade from the waist to the lower hips. The back of the suit is completed with the blue printed material that has been Shirred or "puckered" using elastic. Straps made from the printed material are attached at the top of the front and the back of the suit with what look like plastic buttons.

Condition Details: Overall Excellent

- Overall there is a notable amount of color fading.
- Recovery of elastic is limited
- Buttons are discolored
- Slightly misshapen from flat storage

Suspected materials:

-Printed Cotton Blend
-Solid Cotton Blend
-Elastic Thread

Photos:



Figure 1: Front of bathing suit



Figure 2: Back of bathing suit



Figure 3: Interior of the front of the bathing suit



Figure 4: Detail of Shirring in the back of the bathing suit



Figure 5: Detail of short portion of the bathing suit