

# 18th Century Material Culture Garters for Stockings



# Garters in Artwork

(Note the Wearing of Garters ABOVE the Knee)



Plate VII: Pamela in the Bedroom with Mrs Jewkes and Mr B.  
by Joseph Highmore c. 1743 - 1744  
(Tate Gallery)



Lady Fastening Her Garter (La Toilette)  
by François Boucher (Madrid, Spain) 1742



“La Toilette Intime”  
by François Boucher (Madrid, Spain) 1742



La Toilette  
by Ecole française du XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle, atelier de Nicolas Lancret (1690-1743)



Detail: "The Rake's Progress" showing Clocked Stockings & Garters above the Knee  
William Hogarth

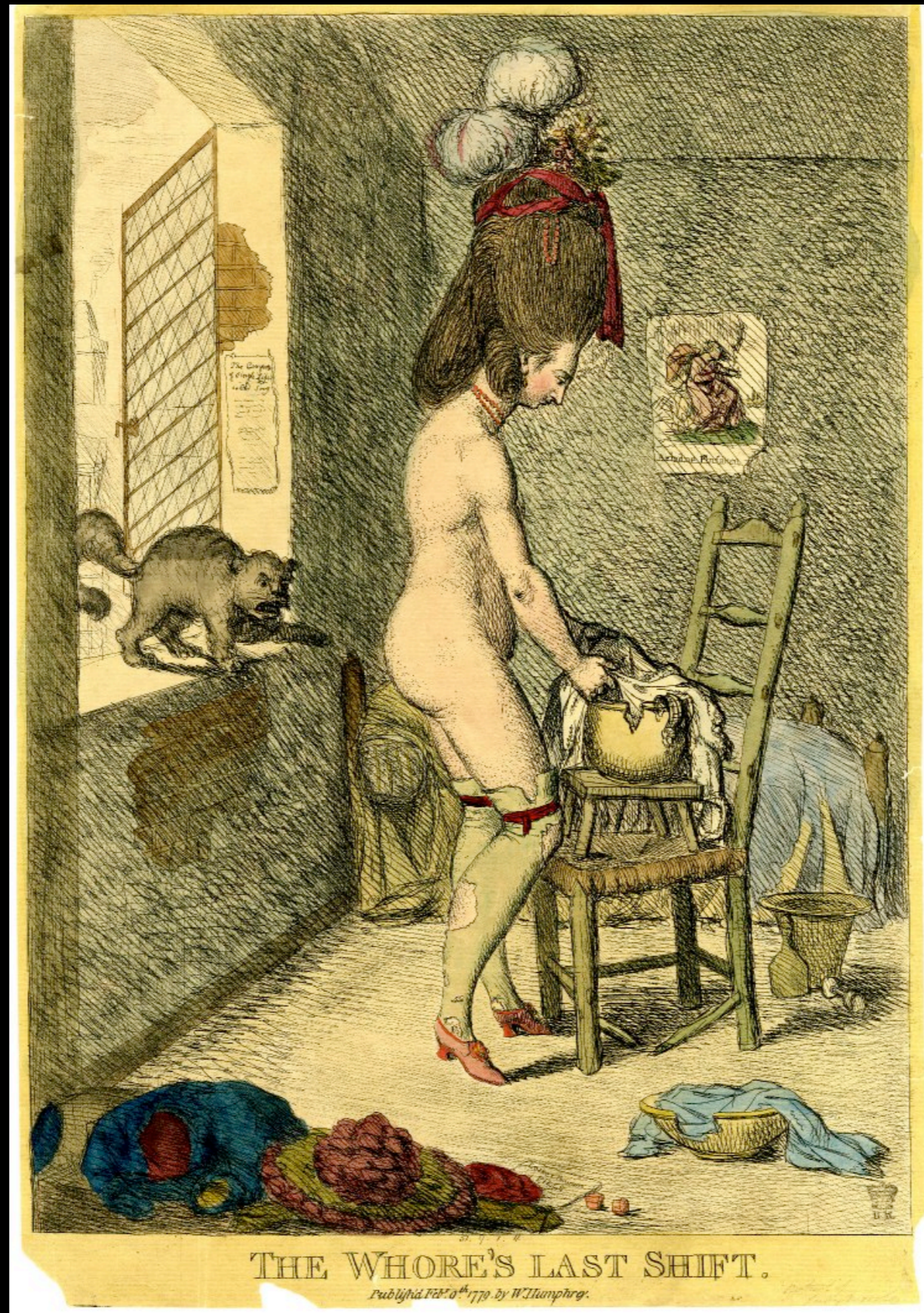


A Girl Fastening Her Garter  
by François Boucher



Femme en Robe à la Polonoise, de tafetas rayé, garnie de gaze, remettant sa jarretière et laissant voir sa belle jambe.

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Young Woman at Her Toilet  
attributed to Niklas Lafrensen (a.k.a. Nicolas Lavreince) c. 1780



“La Toilette Intime”  
by Jean-Francois Garneray (1755-1837)



*The Wearing of a Silk Garter above the Knee*

*(OK, so it's not super authentic, who really cares...)*

# Extant Garters



“Jerusalem 1649” Garters  
(Colonial Williamsburg)



English Woven Tablet Garter  
1725  
(Colonial Williamsburg)



French Silk Garters  
18th Century



French Silk Garters  
18th Century  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



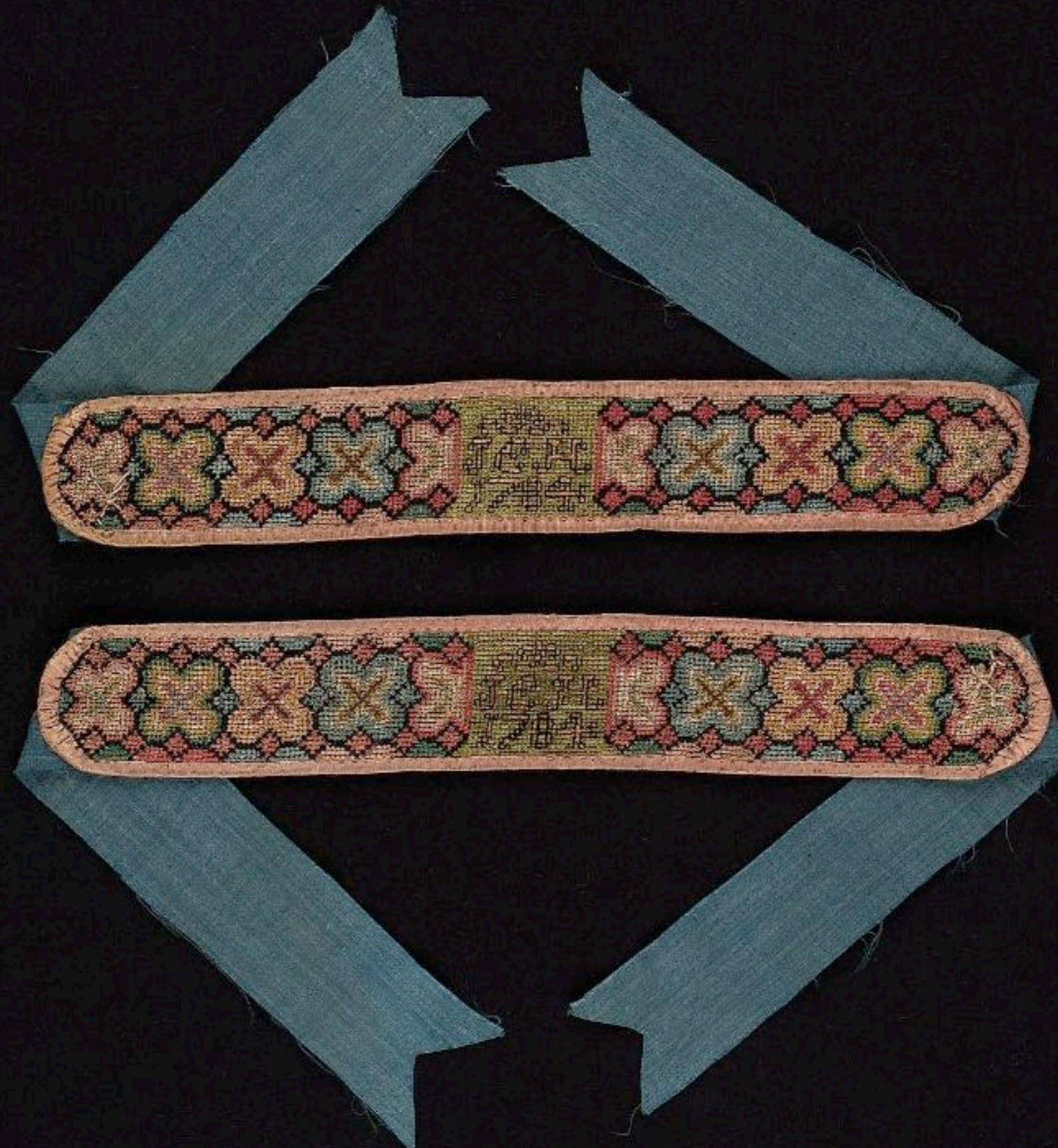
French Silk Garters  
18th Century  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



French Silk Garters  
18th Century  
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French Silk Garters  
c. 1780



English Silk Embroidered Garters  
1784  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



French Silk Garters  
18th Century  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



French Silk Garter  
18th Century  
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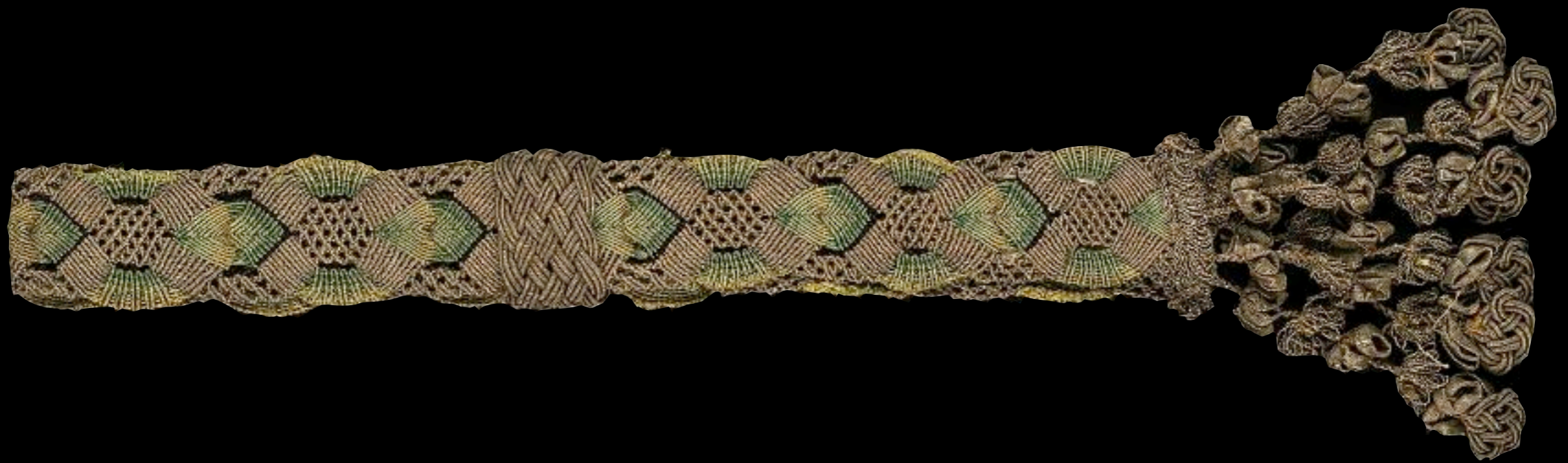


European Garters on Silk Medium  
18th Century  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art)



Queens Stitch Garters

c. 1753  
(Winterthur)



French Silk & Silver Garter  
Late 17th - Early 18th Century  
(Winterthur)



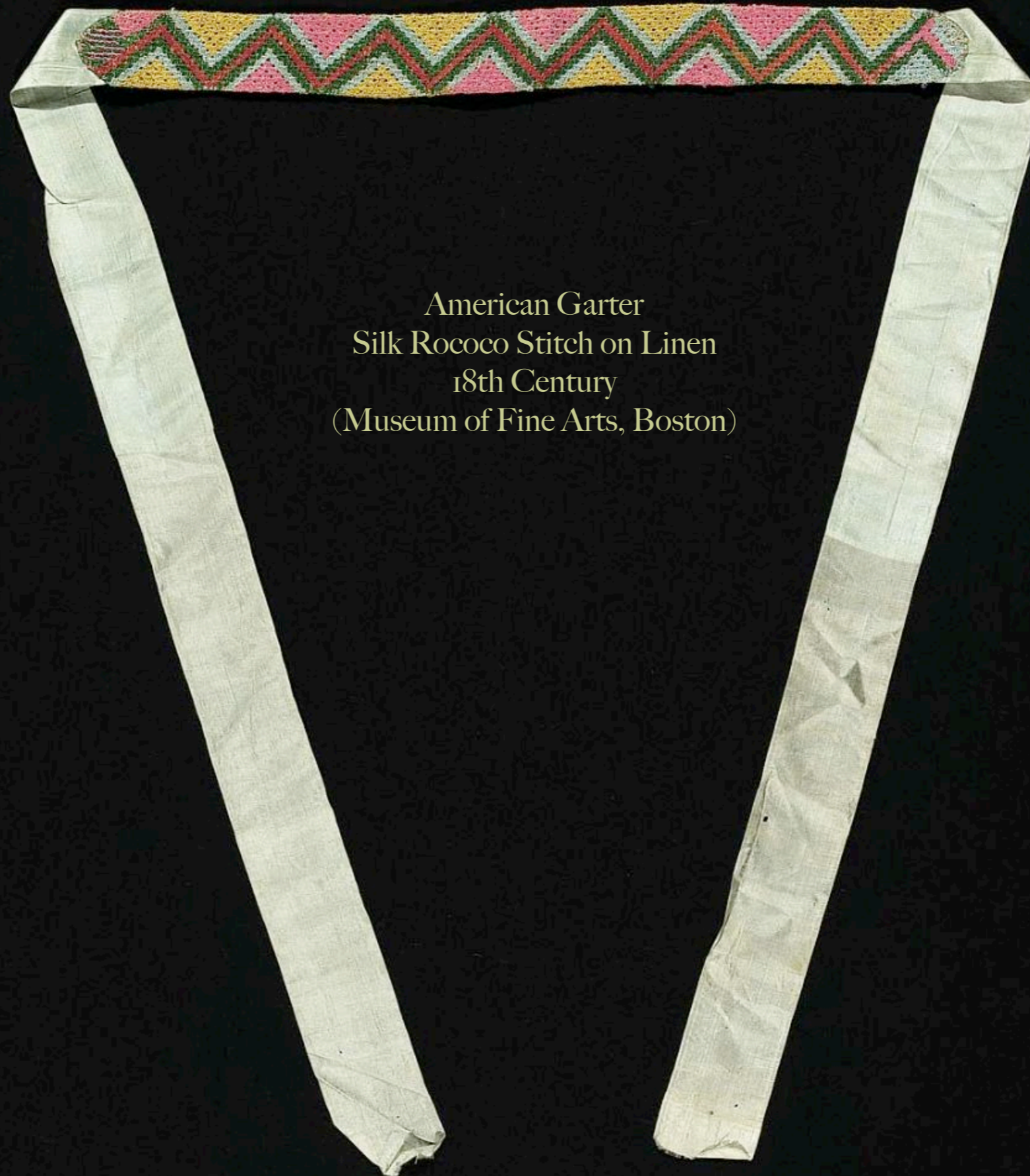
French Silk Garters  
18th Century  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



Spanish Silk Garters  
"NO DEBO VERTE..." ("I'm not allowed to see you...")  
18th Century



European Gold and Silver Braid Garter  
18th Century  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



American Garter  
Silk Rococo Stitch on Linen  
18th Century  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



Order of the Garter  
Early 18th Century  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



American Embroidered Wedding Garters 1702



American Embroidered Wedding Garters 1702  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



French Garters  
18th Century  
(Museum of Fine Arts, Boston)



Silk Garters  
c. 1770 - 1790  
(Christies Auction House)

# Miscellaneous



Any Cotton Laces or Garters 1742  
Paul Sandby  
(Yale Center for British Art)

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