

Visit *Afterlives*:

Material Stories from the Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection

Afterlives explores the many lives of objects and what happens to textiles after they enter the Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection. From a child's feed sack dress lovingly crafted and then saved on a family farm to an intricate robe from Turkmenistan that traveled halfway around the world, material things carry traces of people and things through the past, present, and future in our Collection. Both poetic and practical, the exhibition explores what these treasures can teach us if we pay attention to their stories.

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EXHIBITION THEMES

- Transformation & metamorphosis
- Reuse & mending
- Care & conservation
- Collection research methods & engagement
- Object interpretation & inspiration

OBJECTS ON VIEW

- quilting
- embroidery
- batik
- knitting
- printed fabrics
- garments
- weaving

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