

Basic Detail Report

00003281

Title

Women's floral print Lillibet two piece swimsuit

Date

1950s

Primary Maker

Lillibet

Medium

Cotton

Dimensions

Overall: 62 x 345 mm, 0.15 kg Clothing size: 34

Name

Swimsuit

History

The two piece swimsuit, made famous by starlets such as Ava Gardner, emerged during the war time years of the 1940s. Its modest design was less about a motivation to shock, than a fabric saving necessity. The two piece of this period usually covered the naval, unlike the more daring bikini that gained widespread popularity until the 1960s.