

## **The Poetess' Garden Blouse by Ventriloquist Court® - Item Description & Material Information**

### **DESCRIPTION**

Made of duck egg green-blue sheer peace silk, the poetess' garden blouse is a regular fit with puffy short sleeves and floral bud detailing on the sleeves and bodice. The colour is difficult to describe; it is a coastal-seaside themed colour which is more green than blue. The colour is best seen in person - please request a sample swatch of the fabric if you would like to be sure of the exact colour/shade/texture.

The front of the blouse has bust and five vertical darts in the middle, and the back, two darts. The peace silk has a crispy texture much like organza, and it is handwoven in India by a family of silk weavers in Maharashtra. The yarn of peace silk is derived from empty cocoons; the silk worms are not killed in the harvesting process. The uneven weave of the silk is characteristic of handwoven fabrics, making each piece truly unique and fitting for slow fashion. The puffy short sleeves feature romantic gathers, and the blouse closes at the back with 'pearlescent' plastic buttons.

Each individual floral bud is hand sewn with a decorative vintage Japanese pearlescent bead in an ivory colour. The floral buds are made from a mix of sheer pale blush handwoven peace silk and sheer white handwoven cotton organdy, which has a stiff texture. The bodice hems are embellished with petite English-made ivory colour cotton lace trim.

The sheerness of the silk makes the blouse suitable for layering over a plain bandeau, strapless lace bra, camisole, or spaghetti top, and would look lovely with a tulle skirt for weddings and formal occasions.

## CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Hand wash the silk blouse in cool water using mild soap such as castile soap. The blouse does not need any ironing, if a rustic look is desired. Otherwise, if ironing is desired, ensure that the silk is thoroughly damp before ironing, as excessive ironing of dry silk can damage the silk fibres. The recommended iron setting is a low-heat one. Avoid ironing any of the beads!

## DETAILED INFO ABOUT MATERIALS USED FOR

### THE POETESS' GARDEN BLOUSE

- \* Sheer peace silk (lightweight fabric: 40g/yard; fair trade artisan 100% silk fabric handwoven & hand-dyed using low-impact dyes in India) - textured, crispy feel similar to organza with uneven weave, and the colours are duck egg blue-green and pale blush. The yarn is from empty cocoons; the silk worms are not killed.
- \* Sheer white 100% cotton organdy handwoven by artisans in India (lightweight, crispy, and stiff fabric which holds body)
- \* Petite English cotton leavers laces in an ivory colour (lace is made in Nottingham, England; 95% cotton & 5% nylon)
- \* Petite pearlescent buttons made of acrylic plastic in an ivory colour (1970s vintage stock made in Japan)
- \* Plastic buttons in the shape of 'pearls' (ivory colour) – vintage stock
- \* Nickle-plated brass hook & eye clip (made in Japan)