

Basic Detail Report



Bag

Date

c. 1790

Primary Maker

Odawa or cultural relatives

Medium

Black-dyed deerskin, porcupine quills, silk, tin cones, hair tassels

Description

Bag of black-dyed deerskin, porcupine quills, silk, tin cones, and hair tassels. Inside bag is a loose tag in black ink: "Tobacco pouches of Delaware or 'Little Indians'" "1793" and on reverse, in black ink: "Mr. John Jackson." The top of the bag is curved to a point, with straight sides down ending in two tabbed ends which have tin cones and

hair tassels on the end. On the front of the bag is a thunderbird made of dyed quills with an abstract representation of a landscape and serpents underneath. The tabbed ends have abstract designs in thread and a string hanging between them. On the reverse lines of thread decorate the sides and in the center is a threaded line with three lines extending upward. The left line is straight with a curved end, the middle is a line made of stacked circles, and the line on the right is also straight with a curved end. Below the horizontal line are two turtles made of thread. The quillwork features the fundamental concepts of sky, earth, and underworld, represented by the thunderbirds, a stylized plant form on a horizontal band, and abstracted reptiles reduced to two diagonal lines.

Dimensions

Overall: 6 1/2 x 20 1/2 in. (16.5 x 52.1 cm)