



Bandolier Bag

Date

c. 1860

Primary Maker

Anishinaabe (Ojibwa)

Medium

Trade cloth, glass beads, silk ribbon, cotton binding and lining, wool yarn

Description

Bandolier bag made of trade cloth, glass beads, silk ribbon, cotton binding and lining, and wool yarn. The straps have red cloth on one side and cotton backing on the other. At the top of the straps (where the two pieces of cotton are joined) there are 4 tassels made of red cloth. On the straps there are abstract floral motifs made of glass beads against the red cloth. The bead colors include blue, green, orange, pink, and white. The rectangular bag is also of red cloth. The edges are lined with cotton and there is a border of white beads in a wavy line just inside the edge. Near the center of the bag there is another wavy white bead line with bits of blue fabric (some loss

here). There is another wavy line of white and black(?) beads with more blue fabric underneath. The main design on the bag is an abstract geometric bead work design with yellow, pink, green, and blue beads. The bag ends with two cotton tassels on the edges and 11 beads tassels in blue, green, pink, and yellow beads. These tassels end with red thread tassels.

Dimensions

Overall: 9 1/4 × 44 in. (23.5 × 111.8 cm)