Basic Detail Report



Bandolier Bag

Date
c. 1870

Primary Maker
Anishinaabe (Ojibwa)

Medium
Glass beads, velvet, woolen binding and yarn, cotton backing

Description
Bandolier bag of glass beads, velvet, woolen binding and yarn, and cotton backing. The strap is made of one piece of fabric. On the front the strap is edged in black fabric with a zigzag line of white beads just inside. The strap is covered with geometric abstract designs in blue, white, yellow, green, pink, and orange beads. Right before the strap meets the bag there are lines made up of small circles in blue beads. On the right side, one of the lines has yellow beads as well. The bag is rectangular and edged in red fabric and the background is black fabric. There is a zigzag line of white beads inside the red edging. At the top of the bag is a floral motif using yellow, blue, and white beads. Below that floral motif is a rectangle made of red fabric, a black background and inside another floral motif with red, green, blue, white, pink, yellow, and brown beads. Next to this rectangle the zigzag line of white beads double and then there is a thick zigzag line of blue beads next to it. The rest of the bag is taken up by a large, square section of geometric abstract beadwork. The background is made of white beads with pink, yellow, blue, and green beads. This ends in 14 beaded tabs with alternating patterns of yellow and blue triangles; pink with blue triangles, and yellow with green rhombuses. These tabs end in large bead and yarn tassels.

Dimensions
Overall: 13 1/4 × 37 3/4 in. (33.7 × 95.9 cm)