Basic Detail Report



Dance Stick

Date

c. 1880

Primary Maker

Lakota (Teton Sioux)

Medium

Wood, red pigment, iron and brass tacks, red twill tradecloth, glass beads, Native tanned horse hide, horsehair, scalplock

Description

Dance stick of wood, red pigment, iron and brass tacks, red twill tradecloth, glass beads, Native tanned horse hide, horsehair, scalplock, and on the shaft red bordered label in black ink: "Sioux war club with scalp lock"; typewritten on paper label: "40.473". The bottom of the dance stick is a curved handle. The body of the stick has pigment lines that wrap around the stick. The horse's head is carved and has horsehair for its mane and hide for its ears. The eyes are brass tacks and the nose is a lighter color than the rest of the horse. It has a pendant made of red tradecloth and green, blue, and yellow beads.

Dimensions

Overall: $38 \times 4 \frac{1}{4}$ in. $(96.5 \times 10.8 \text{ cm})$