

Basic Detail Report



Basket

Date

c. 1915-1925

Primary Maker

Maggie Mayo James

Medium

Willow, redbud, bracken fern (*pteridium aquilinum*)

Description

Maggie Mayo James adapted classic Washoe basket forms to create her unique style and this basket illustrates

several of her innovative features. She emphasized a broad shoulder, the widest part of the basket, by weaving a flat top and small base, giving these baskets an almost double saucer shape. Another aspect of her approach was to create a diagonal orientation in her designs. Maggie Mayo James sold her baskets directly to tourists and collectors at Lake Tahoe when there was a great appreciation for the artistry of Washoe baskets in the 1910s and 1920s. James attained forty stitches per inch in some of her finest baskets, displaying the most highly accomplished technical skills of all Washoe basket weavers.

Dimensions

Overall: 4 1/2 × 10 3/4 in. (11.4 × 27.3 cm)