

Basic Detail Report



Basket

Date

c. 1800

Primary Maker

Chumash

Medium

Juncas rush, sumac

Description

Subtle aesthetics often characterize Chumash baskets.

This basket's weaver used the earth-toned colors of black dyed juncas and white sumac to create her design on a golden juncas background. Chumash baskets are remarkably lightweight for their size because the juncas stems that form the basket's coil foundations are hollow. The Chumash used basin-shaped coiled baskets such as this for preparing meals and as winnowing trays.

Dimensions

Overall: 4 × 18 1/2 in. (10.2 × 47 cm)