

Basic Detail Report



Dimensions

Overall: 36 × 15 3/4 in. (91.4 × 40 cm)

Bag

Date

c. 1880-1890

Primary Maker

Ho-Chunk (Winnebago)

Medium

Cloth, glass beads, yarn, thread

Description

A bandolier bag is a large beaded bag that has a wide shoulder strap. “Bandolier” is a French word used to describe a shoulder belt that had loops or pockets for cartridges. Indicative of wealth and social standing, bandolier bags were often carried in pairs on both sides by their owner, their straps worn crosswise across the chest. From the 1850s to 1900, the bags gained popularity among Great Lakes Indians who regarded them as symbols of their Indian culture and heritage.