

Basic Detail Report



Moccasin

Date

c. 1880-1900

Primary Maker

Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne)

Medium

Leather, beads, sinew, commercial made leather string, thread

Description

These split tongue animal hide moccasins are made in classic Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne) design. The elegant bead work disk is the four direction symbol. The cardinal directions are sacred to the Tsitsistas /Suhtai (Cheyenne) as demonstrated by the use of the four holy colors; red, white, black, and yellow each associated with a direction. The use of the symbolism and colors in the moccasins was to give power to the wearer during ceremonies.

Dimensions

Overall: 4 × 3 3/4 × 10 1/2 in. (10.2 × 9.5 × 26.7 cm)