

Basic Detail Report



Tray

Date

1847-1854

Primary Maker

Wendat (Huron)

Medium

Birchbark, moosehair

Description

Wendat (Huron) women and French Ursuline nuns used moosehair to embroider highly refined floral compositions such as this one. Moosehair was a local resource that was readily available while European silk embroidery thread was not. It was a practiced skill as embroiderers often used moosehair not exceeding two or three inches in length. The women also embroidered narrative scenes of Indians, their encampments, and wildlife such as birds and foxes.

Dimensions

Overall: 1 3/4 × 12 × 15 1/2 in. (4.4 × 30.5 × 39.4 cm)