

Basic Detail Report



Dimensions

Overall: 6 × 8 in. (15.2 × 20.3 cm)

Box

Date

1847-1854

Primary Maker

Mi'kmaq (Micmac)

Medium

Birchbark, wood, porcupine quills, spruce root

Description

Mi'kmaq (Micmac) women quilled decorative designs on birchbark in response to the growing interest of non-Natives for this work in the early 18th century. European and Canadian women were so intrigued with the art form that a demand for boxes and other containers quickly emerged. Elaborate geometric designs in quillwork covering entire surfaces were common.