



Martingale

Date

c. 1885

Primary Maker

Apsaalooke (Crow)

Medium

Bison hide, trade cloth, glass beads, brass bells, thread

Description

Martingale of bison hide, trade cloth, glass beads, brass bells, and thread. The shape of the martingale is akin to the letter H. The two longer pieces of fabric on the side are narrow and end in two tabbed ends. The square in the middle connects the two longer pieces. The beadwork on the two side pieces of hide are identical and are both topped with loops of hide. The edges of the long pieces are edged with white beads and then black fabric on the inside. The top of the piece starts with red fabric and then

green, red, and blue beads with a red and white diagonal stripe in the center. Followed by two triangles of red trade cloth and a blue and pink triangle in the center. This pattern of green, red, and blue with the red and white stripes followed by the three triangles extends to the ending tabs, which are against the hide background and have downward facing triangles in light and dark blue stripes and yellow and red stripes. This pattern is the same for both long pieces of hide. The square in the center has white beads along the edge and is backed by red trade cloth. There is a thick white beadwork border with some areas of red and blue beads. The center square has a light blue bead background, two red and white crosses, and two triangle and diamond shapes in dark blue, red, yellow, and light blue beads.

Dimensions

Overall: 34 1/2 × 14 1/2 in. (87.6 × 36.8 cm)