

Basic Detail Report



Cradle

Date

1880-1900

Primary Maker

Kiowa

Medium

Hide, glass beads, wood, German silver tacks, woolen cloth, cotton

Description

The back of the cradle board is made with two pieces of wood that come to a point at the top. At the top there are also 12 silver tacks in the left piece of wood and 12 in the right. The top stack of 5 tacks make a cross and the bottom 7 tacks also make a cross. The two backing pieces of

wood are connected by a horizontal piece of wood near where the baby's head would rest and the two backing pieces of wood angle toward each other at the bottom and are also connected by a horizontal piece of wood by the feet. On the back of the supporting/backing pieces of wood are cotton and wool straps for the baby's mother to carry on her back. On the front of the wood, forming the cradle is a cradle made of hide and decorated with beads. The hide is attached to the wood with hide ties that weave through holes in the wood. The cradle opens with hide ties and would be closed around the baby laying on his/her back. The hide is decorated with mostly green beads and decorated with abstract patterns in pink, red, blue, white, dark blue, and yellow beads. Around the edging of the entire cradle is blue and white floral fabric. The bottom of the cradle is undecorated and ends in hide fringe.

Dimensions

Overall: 39 1/2 × 12 3/4 in. (100.3 × 32.4 cm)