

Basic Detail Report



Case

Date

1840-1850

Primary Maker

Kutenai

Medium

Rawhide, hide, pigments

Description

Parfleches, leather cases made of hide in which everything from food to sacred medicine was kept, were ubiquitous among Western Indians. They were made in all shapes and sizes, rectangles, round tubes, and, as here, smaller fringed cases often meant to hold ritual material. Parfleches were usually painted by women with geometric and abstract designs. Heavily-fringed parfleches were

prominently displayed as a part of equestrian finery at parades and pow-wows among Plateau people.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 × 14 in. (27.9 × 35.6 cm)