



Cowboy Boots

Date

1900-1930

Primary Maker

Lakota (Teton Sioux)

Medium

Commercial leather boots, beads, red pigments

Description

In the 1890s, Teton Sioux (Lakota) people were forced to adjust to life on the reservation, in which many of their traditional activities were no longer possible. Women, however, had greater outlets for traditional life than men. Beadwork was an important creative expression for

women, allowing them to affirm their Native identity, celebrate their skills, and show their love for their children. This pair of child's cowboy boots was adapted to Teton Sioux (Lakota) taste by the addition of beadwork.

Dimensions

Overall: 6 1/2 × 2 1/2 × 6 in. (16.5 × 6.4 × 15.2 cm)