

Basic Detail Report



Arapaho Buffalo Robe

Date

1820-1840

Primary Maker

Inunaina (Arapaho)

Medium

Buffalo hide, paint

Description

The “box-and-border” design that graces this woman’s robe resists straightforward interpretation but may refer to a family of concepts concerning the feminine, life-giving aspects of the universe. Yellow paint probably once covered the field of the robe, which the wearer draped lengthwise around her shoulders with the skin’s head to the left.

Dimensions

Overall: 77 × 94 in. (195.6 × 238.8 cm)