Jump Dance Basket

Date

c. 1900

Primary Maker

Hupa

Medium

Hazel sticks, spruce root, bear grass, maidenhair fern stem, deerhide, pigments

Description

Baskets of this design are a fundamental part of a complex ceremonial which affirmed the renewal of the world and community harmony. Hupa, Karuk and Yoruk men carried the baskets in a ceremonial known as the Jump Dance. Each Jump Dancer held a basket, raising it in the air as they danced and sang.

Dimensions

Overall: $5 \frac{1}{2} \times 3 \frac{3}{4} \times 15 \text{ in.} (14 \times 9.5 \times 38.1 \text{ cm})$