

Basic Detail Report



Fiddle

Date

1920-1935

Primary Maker

Amos Gustina

Medium

Agave flower stalk, pigments, baling wire, gut strings

Description

Stringed instruments were extremely rare in American Indian cultures and the Apache fiddle was likely copied from Spanish or American examples. Apache men made fiddles from sections of yucca stalk, which were split, hollowed, tied together with buckskin or wire, and plugged at the ends. A single string of sinew was attached

on the bottom and to a tuning peg on top. Men played the fiddle for pleasure and entertainment.

Dimensions

Overall: 24 × 10 × 7 1/2 × 4 1/2 in. (61 × 25.4 × 19.1 × 11.4 cm)