

Basic Detail Report



Basket

Date

c. 1923-1928

Primary Maker

Tootsie Dick Samca

Medium

Willow (*Salix* spp.), western redbud, bracken fern root

Description

Tootsie Dick Sam was such an exceptionally fine and innovative Washoe weaver that Abe Cohn, an important

patron and dealer of American Indian basketry, groomed her to become Louisa Keyser's replacement as the "greatest living Washoe weaver." When Edward S. Curtis, the famous photographer of Native Americans, visited Abe Cohn in 1925, Cohn had only Keyser's and Sam's baskets photographed. Although the two artists had a close family connection, Sam did not imitate Keyser's motifs and arrangements. Sam favored large-scale designs in alternating or zigzag arrangements.

Dimensions

Overall: 5 1/2 × 10 1/2 in. (14 × 26.7 cm)