

# Basic Detail Report

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ceremonial harvests.

## Dimensions

Overall: 5 × 5 3/4 in. (12.7 × 14.6 cm)

## Root Bag

### Date

1840-1860

### Primary Maker

Wishxam or Wasco

### Medium

Hemp fiber, grass, dyes, tanned buckskin, sinew?

### Description

Gathering the first fruits of the season is a special occasion, signifying a time of renewal. Foods such as camas and bitterroot were collected by leaders of Root Societies. Women may have used small bags such as this to hold these first tender offerings from the earth. Formal blessings and thanks to the earth spirits were given at root feasts, where the community shared the first