

Basic Detail Report



Basket

Date

1900-1925

Primary Maker

Nuu-chah-nulth (Nootka)

Medium

Red cedar bark, bear grass, dye

Description

This finely-woven basket was made for sale on the art market. It has approximately 25 stitches to the inch, while the average for this type is perhaps 12-16 per inch. Only a few expert weavers in each generation took the time to prepare the materials so finely and weave them together in stitches so perfectly. The lid and sides depict thunderbirds holding symbolic whale harpoons. Nuu-chah-nulth (Nootka) cosmology describes the thunderbird as a supernatural being that hunts whales.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 × 3 in. (5.1 × 7.6 cm)