

Basic Detail Report



Basket

Date

1890-1910

Primary Maker

Attu

Medium

Wild rye grass (*elymus mollis*), wool yarns, dyes

Description

Eskimo women on Attu, the westernmost U.S. Aleutian island, wove extremely fine baskets such as this one from wild rye beach grass. Grass weaving was an ancient Aleutian twining technique, but Attu women drew upon European basket forms and designs to create a new style of basketry. These innovations resulted in a small lidded basket with a distinctive knob and yarn embroidery done

in delicately stylized floral or geometric designs.

Dimensions

Overall: 7 1/2 × 6 1/2 in. (19.1 × 16.5 cm)