



Conchas

Date

c. 1890

Primary Maker

Dine (Navajo)

Medium

Silver, copper

Description

Although not an indigenous art form, silversmithing was brought to the Southwest by Spanish and Mexican soldiers and became an important art form in Navajo life. Dine (Navajo) silversmiths made bridles for their horses, and belts, buckles, beads, bells and necklaces for themselves. Conchas such as these were used as decorations on belts or bridles.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 5/8 × 3 1/2 in. (6.7 × 8.9 cm)