

Basic Detail Report



Concha

Date

c. 1880

Primary Maker

Dine (Navajo)

Medium

Silver

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 Dine (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: 3 5/8 × 4 3/8 in. (9.2 × 11.1 cm)