



Painting a Hat - Nakoaktok

Date

1914

Primary Maker

Edward Sheriff Curtis

Medium

Japan vellum

Description

Woman painting a woven hat on her lap. From Title Page: The painter is clad in a short, seamless, cedar-bark cape, which is worn for protection from rain. That she is a woman of wealth and rank is shown by the abalone-shell nose-ornament and the gold bracelets, no less than by her possession of a "chief's hat." These water-proof hats, of a

form borrowed from the Haida, are made of closely woven shreds of fibrous spruce-roots, and are ornamented with one of the owner's crests- a highly conventionalized painting of some animal or mythological being.

Dimensions

Sight: 21 1/4 × 17 in. (54 × 43.2 cm)