

# Basic Detail Report

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## Baby Belt

**Date**  
c. 1982

**Primary Maker**  
Slavey

**Medium**  
Commercial cloth, velvet, glass seed beads, tanned hide, thread

### Description

Many Athapaskan Slavey mothers still follow the ancestral tradition of carrying older babies in baby belts. The baby sits swing-like on the belt and rests against the mother’s hip. Most baby belts are decorated with floral beadwork and some include the baby’s name and birth date.

### Dimensions

Overall: 4 1/2 × 64 in. (11.4 × 162.6 cm)