

Basic Detail Report



Bag

Date

c. 1860-1890

Primary Maker

Niantic or Mohegan

Medium

Black velvet, cotton or linen binding and lining, glass beads, thread

Description

Around 1800 Haudenosaunee (Iroquoian) women and other northeastern Woodlands women such as the Maliseet, Micmac, Mohegan and Niantic began making beaded purses to sell to non-Natives, primarily travelers

and tourists. American, Canadian and British women enthusiastically showed their appreciation for such beadwork, buying the purses for their personal use or as admired souvenirs for family members or friends. For occasions of formal dress, Iroquoian women wore the purses to accompany the beaded finery of their skirts, leggings and moccasins.

Dimensions

Overall: 6 3/4 × 5 3/4 in. (17.1 × 14.6 cm)