

# Basic Detail Report

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## Bag

### Date

c. 1860-1890

### Primary Maker

Niantic or Mohegan

### Medium

Velvet, silk binding, glass beads, glazed cotton lining, 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: 5 3/4 × 5 1/2 in. (14.6 × 14 cm)