Basic Detail Report



thread

Bag

Date

c. 1840-1860

Primary Maker

Seneca (Haudenosaunee)

Medium

Wool cloth, glass beads, silk binding, glazed cotton lining,

Description

Trade goods such as wool, cotton calico and velvet cloth and glass beads offered new artistic possibilities once they had been introduced to Native artists. The space on this bag is divided into four quadrants reflecting the four cardinal directions in the eastern woodlands cosmos. Small beaded bags such as this were very popular with European-American women and provided a source of income for the Native artists who made them.

Dimensions

Overall: $6 \frac{3}{4} \times 6 \frac{1}{4}$ in. $(17.1 \times 15.9 \text{ cm})$