

Basic Detail Report



Dance Kilt

Date

c. 1900-1915

Primary Maker

Tesuque Pueblo

Medium

Commercial tanned leather, pigments, brass, copper and tin cones

Description

On this dance kilt is the Avanyu, a supernatural being associated with heavy rains and plentiful crops. Its body is a lightning bolt and the multi-colored band symbolizes a rainbow, the perfect union of two life giving entities - the sun and the rain. Another rain reference is the border of tin cones that sound like falling rain when danced. Men wore kilts such as this at ceremonial dances.

Dimensions

Overall: 20 × 48 in. (50.8 × 121.9 cm)