# **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:  $20 \times 48$  in.  $(50.8 \times 121.9 \text{ cm})$