



Basket

Date

c. 1850

Primary Maker

Tlingit

Medium

Spruce root, fern stems, grass, dye

Description

Mid-19th century baskets such as this one stored everyday items. The weaving is exceptionally fine, but the weaver decided to forego creating a pattern in the basket's surface. Instead she concentrated her design on the embroidered colored and dyed grasses that create the different geometric design elements. Geometric art is an ancient design tradition among Northwest Coast cultures

Dimensions

Overall: 12 × 16 1/2 in. (30.5 × 41.9 cm)