



Summer Outfit

Date

c. 1880

Primary Maker

Gwich'in (Kutchin)

Medium

Caribou hide, tanned, porcupine quills, elaeagnus seed, sinew, ochre

Description

This summer outfit was probably commissioned and based upon an earlier style of dress. Captain Henry Phillips Dawson of the Royal Army acquired the outfit in the 1880s and by that time this style of dress was no longer in fashion and few women possessed the extraordinary skills that were necessary to master such an outfit. Visitors to the Northwest Territories were eager to acquire beautifully tanned and quilled garments like this outfit.

Dimensions

Overall: 73 × 27 × 14 in. (185.4 × 68.6 × 35.6 cm) Support (Mount dimension): 14 in. (35.6 cm)