



Spoon

Date

c. 1890

Primary Maker

Western Sioux type

Medium

Cow horn, rawhide thongs, porcupine quills, tin cones, trade cloth, beads, red ochre pigment, thread

Description

This spoon depicts a Crow warrior’s stylized face at the top of the handle. The imagery reveals the rivalry and ridicule between enemies. This spoon’s warrior owner would have used it on special occasions to suggest that his enemy was at his service and was presenting him with riches of the feast. The red and white quill- wrapped thongs with tin cone pendants also indicate that this was a feast spoon.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 1/4 × 3 1/2 in. (28.6 × 8.9 cm)