

Basic Detail Report



Bag

Date

c. 1870

Primary Maker

Northwestern Metis

Medium

Trade cloth, silk, glass beads, yarn, silk embroidery thread, sinew, porcupine quill, caribou hide, cord

Description

"Fire bags" of this type were popular throughout western Canada during the era of the fur trade. They were produced in large numbers by the Red River Métis, and subsequently also by their relatives among the northern Cree, Tahltan and other northwestern tribes. Despite their survival in large numbers, every one of these bags is

unique in the decorative designs of the bead-woven panel and the decoration on the bag itself.

Dimensions

Overall: 8 1/2 × 17 3/4 in. (21.6 × 45.1 cm)