

Basic Detail Report



Hat

Date

1997

Primary Maker

Isabel Rorick

Medium

Spruce root

Description

The extraordinary woven pattern on this hat is central to its design and meaning. The pattern relates to a legend about a contest between a spider and a slug over who could create the most beautiful design. The spider’s web is the diamond design on the crown and the slug’s shiny trail is the zigzag on the brim. In the end they both congratulated each other on the combined beauty of their designs. There are four generations of basketry weavers in Isabel Rorick’s family. Her great-grandmother, Isabel Edenshaw, is one of the most highly respected Haida artists of the 19th century.

Dimensions

Overall: 9 1/2 × 16 3/4 in. (24.1 × 42.5 cm)