Basic Detail Report

Saddlebag

Date
c. 1880

Primary Maker
Apache

Medium
Hide, trade cloth, ochre, pigment, metal, cord

Description
Saddlebags are the most impressive and striking pieces of Apache horse equipment. The Apache emphasized their cut-work patterns on the saddlebags by backing the design with red cloth. The application of a golden ochre enriched the surface of the hide and complemented the red cloth. Cut-work also appears on the fringes. Francisco Vasquez de Coronado introduced horses to the region in the 1540s and the Apache quickly adopted the horse and became an equestrian culture.

Dimensions
Overall: 18 × 95 in. (45.7 × 241.3 cm)