

Basic Detail Report



Gorget

Date

c. 1500-1600

Primary Maker

Dallas

Medium

Busycon whelk shell

Description

A stylized image of a rattlesnake is engraved on these two gorgets. The rattlesnake's head is in the center. The eye is a drilled dot surrounded by concentric circles. Its segmented body wraps counter-clockwise around its head

and ends with the rattler. Over time the rattlesnake motif became increasingly more stylized and almost unrecognizable in Mississippian culture.

Dimensions

Overall: 5 5/8 × 6 × 1 1/2 in. (14.3 × 15.2 × 3.8 cm)