Basic Detail Report



Cradle

Date
c. 1880

Primary Maker
Thompson River

Medium
Spruce root, tule, red cherry bark, straw, black dye

Description
Local roots, grasses, and bark provided Salish women with materials to construct sturdy yet beautiful cradles for their babies. Earth-toned cherry bark and bear grass embellish these cradles in a technique known as imbrication—decorative surface weaving over the structural foundation. This cradle’s pristine condition suggests that it was never used. Additionally, the sides are missing ties that would have secured the baby and its padding.

Dimensions
Overall: 6 × 11 1/2 × 28 in. (15.2 × 29.2 × 71.1 cm)