



Bandolier bag

Date

c. 1870

Primary Maker

Unknown

Medium

Wool, cotton, netting, hide, glass beads, wool yarn, and silk ribbon

Description

The foundation of the bag's applique beadwork appears to be a tightly woven blue wool stroud. This strouding is nearly covered in abstract floral motifs. Blues and pinks appear to be the dominant bead shades, however green and white are also used. The bag portion of this bandolier is bordered with three rows of a dark blue, green and red

zig-zag pattern that runs along the sides and top of the bag. The edges of the bag portion have been bound with silk ribbon applique. It is difficult to guess the original colors of these ribbons. Small fiber netting has been applied to the flaking ribbon as a conservation measure. The interior of the bag is lined with a light weight cotton. Russian Cobalt blue trade beads decorate the very bottom of the bag and under the bag opening. In contrast to the bag portion of the bandolier the strap is made from a red wool stroud cloth. The strap is 5 3/4" wide.

Dimensions

Object: 35 × 21 × 1" (88.9 × 53.3 × 2.5 cm)