

# Basic Detail Report

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## Nasca feather bag

### Date

ca. 500–1000 AD

### Medium

Feathers on cotton and/or camelid wool woven textile

### Description

This Nasca feather bag from the South Coast of Peru was constructed using a coarsely woven textile underpinning

which was woven with single threads in one direction (warp?) but with doubled threads in the opposite direction (weft?). Vividly colored feathers have been sewn to the textile in such a manner that they completely cover the exterior of the bag except for the area around the bottom fold. The side seams have largely unraveled; the feathers apparently pointed up when the bag was complete. There is a pattern on one side of the bag with a semicircle of blue feathers surrounded by a border of orange feathers, with the remainder of the bag covered in turquoise-colored feathers. The reverse side is covered in feathers which are multi-colored, primarily yellows and oranges with blue tips. Textiles from this area of the coast were often woven from cotton, sometimes with the addition of camelid wool. A nearly identical feather bag with a similar nested crescent or "rainbow" design is found on page 68 in Berenguer R., Jose (2000): *Awakhuni: Tejiendo la Historia Andina*. Museo Precolombino: Santiago.

### Dimensions

7 × 7 inches (17.8 × 17.8 cm)