

Basic Detail Report



Woman's apron

Medium

Hemp, cowrie shells, glass, and beads

Description

Dance apron of rectangular shape with twisted native hemp tie at each end, with cowrie shell and round glass

bead suspensions from the lower edge. The entire surface of the apron is covered with beadwork, the small glass beads in alternating thin rectangular panels of vertical fine lines and geometric motifs in black, orange, white, green, and ultramarine colors strung on native hemp. Kirdi women wear beaded aprons made with imported European beads and cowrie shells for special occasions. Either triangular or rectangular in shape, the apron is designed to cover a woman's pubic area.

Dimensions

8 1/4 × 17 3/8 inches (21 × 44.1 cm)