



Necklace

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Miao

Medium

Silver

Description

Large silver necklace from the Miao culture of China. A necklace like this is part of the costume of a Miao girl. Miao families begin collecting silver jewelry as soon as a baby girl is born. A girl's full costume often weighs as much as 15 kilograms. Such costumes are worn for festivals and symbolize wealth and beauty. It is also believed that the silver keeps evil away.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 x 10 in. (27.9 x 25.4 cm)