

# Basic Detail Report

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## 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)