



## 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)