



Necklace

Date

late 19th to early 20th Century

Primary Maker

Cheyenne

Medium

Rawhide, glass beads, bone, and shell

Description

Woman's bone bead necklace, Cheyenne people. Three rows of double-tapered bone beads separated by two rows of strung glass beads. Lower row consists of ten 3-3/4" bone beads. Second row consists of ten strings of glass beads 3-3/4" long divided into groups of five strings each. In each group the outer strings are all blue; the three inner strings consist of 3 blue, two red, six yellow, two red, and three blue. Third row consists of ten 4" bone beads divided into two groups of five each. The fourth row, of glass beads, and the fifth row, of bone beads, are

the same as the second and third. The rows are separated by strips of rawhide. Beaded fringe at the bottom consists of nine (originally ten) strings of blue, yellow, red and green glass beads. Each string terminates with a money cowrie (*monetaria moneta*) shell bead. The collar is completed at the top by a row of glass beads duplicating the second and fourth rows originally (one inner string missing from one group and two inner strings missing from the other group). The thongs on which all beads are strung are brought together and tied.

Dimensions

29 1/2 × 4 1/2 in. (74.9 × 11.4 cm)