

Basic Detail Report



Armbands

Date

c. 1950

Medium

Bird feathers, cotton string, paint, and nuts

Description

This is one of a pair of Armllets used as a dance ornament. The Armllets are formed of wicker that is plated alternately with black and white splints to form a positive-negative

diamond design around the outside surface of the Armllet. The inside surface is exclusively of blackened plating material. There is an ornamental grouping of husked nuts and seed beads which have multi-colored parrot and other bird feathers tied to the ends of the strings of beads. This assemblage is tied with white cotton string to the wicker armbands. The husked nuts have a red, powdered paint or dye lightly spread on them which gives a slight coloration to the binding cotton strings. There is a mount for the armbands.

Dimensions

8 1/2 x 5 1/2 x 5 in. (21.6 x 14 x 12.7 cm)