

Basic Detail Report



Skirt

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Miao

Medium

Shiny cloth, cotton and silk

Description

The shiny cloth used in this skirt is a common feature of Miao textile work. It is created through a process known as calendering. As the Miao people inhabit different areas and countries, the specific materials used in calendering vary depending on the organic materials available in a specific location. The significant amount of time needed to create this shiny cloth is consistent across methods and is a testament to the Miao’s attention to detail and idea of beauty. This particular skirt is a variation on the commonly found blue colored shiny cloth. This skirt is worn by girls in Gulong Town as part of their festival ensemble.

Dimensions

When folded as it would be worn: 36 1/2 × 34 3/4 in. (92.7 × 88.3 cm)