

# Basic Detail Report

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## Skirt (Sarong)

**Date**  
early 20th Century

**Medium**  
Cotton

### Description

This is a weft ikat sarong from East Nusa Tenggara Province, West Timor, Lesser Sunda Islands, Indonesia. Ikat weaving is a textile technique that applies a resistance dye to the threads rather than the final cloth of a piece. Weft ikat is much more difficult than warp ikat, because the pattern can only appear as the textile is woven (in warp ikat, the textile is already evident on the warp threads). Cotton is separated from its seeds, fluffed, spun, warped, and wound; next, the weft threads are wrapped, doubled, and spun again. The sarong is a tube skirt commonly worn by indigenous people of Indonesia.

### Dimensions

37 × 84 in. (94 × 213.4 cm)