

Basic Detail Report



Belt (Ptek or Ptekél)

Date

mid 20th Century

Medium

Fiber and cloth

Description

This is a belt, referred to as ptek or ptekél in Palauan vernacular, worn by Palauan women. The traditional attire of Palauan women consists of a grass skirt, known as a

gerévut, worn on the hip area and secured with a belt and a hip cord. The ptek is commonly made by weaving together plant fibers in a diamond pattern. According to one researcher, Palauan women prefer to wear the ptek tightly around their flanks for the purpose of supporting the skirts and their stomachs. In Palau, traditional attire is reserved for feasts or dance rituals. This particular ptek was worn by the donor, or the donor's sister, during a ceremonial dance on the opening day of the Palau Museum Men's Meeting House in 1969.

Dimensions

3/4 × 45 1/2 in. (1.9 × 115.6 cm)