

Basic Detail Report

Title Purse

Date mid 19th century

Primary Maker Mohawk People

Medium Hand-stitched cotton, glass beads, metal sequins, paper, and silk

Description Black velvet bag shaped with a rounded bottom and concave sides, with a three-inch flap extending from the top on each side. The velvet is worked with glass beads in stylized floral motifs, stitched over paper templates. The flowers are worked solidly, without outlining. Predominant colors are shades of blue, white, red, and green. The edges are bordered with white and blue beads. The lower section of the purse is bound with plain-woven red cotton, stitched on grain. The flaps are edged with clear beads. The purse is lined with coarse tan cotton and probably interlined with paper. A tan twill-woven cotton tape serves as a carrying handle.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 6 x 6 1/2in. (15.2 x 16.5cm)