Basic Detail Report



Title Purse

Date about 1790-1830

Primary Maker Eastern Woodlands People

Medium Hand-stitched wool, silk, glass beads, paper, and cotton

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Description Purse of black wool with a rounded bottom and sloped sides. Covered with rows of glass beads in white, red, blue, yellow, and turquoise. The rows are stitched in zig zags and squares, bordered by a straight edge of the same color. The rows follow the contour of the purse, except that at the top, they simulate a flap, so that the row in the center of the purse ends up being semicircular. The purse is bound with green silk, which is also used for the carrying strap. The purse is lined with plain, tan cotton. The beadwork is stitched through a layer of paper, below the black wool.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width): 4 3/4 x 4 3/8in. (12.1 x 11.1cm)