



Date:

1890

Identifier:

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Description:

The Wha-Zha-Zhe (Osage) people were located on a reservation in northeastern Oklahoma in 1869. When oil was discovered on their land in the 1890s, they soon acquired wealth to enhance their traditional material culture. This wool blanket has been transformed into a beautifully patterned wearing blanket with silk ribbon appliqué. Red often symbolizes life and suggests that this blanket may have been made for an unmarried woman. The beaded hands likely signify friendship. The blanket is worn draped across the back and folded across the shoulders. Such blankets are made and worn today as a sign of Native heritage.

Physical dimensions:

depth 2.75 in ; height 43.75 in ; width 65.75 in

Format:

Blanket

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