



Date:

1840

Identifier:

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Description:

Gathering the first fruits of the season is a special occasion, signifying a time of renewal. Foods such as camas and bitterroot were collected by leaders of Root Societies. Women may have used small bags such as this to hold these first tender offerings from the earth. Formal blessings and thanks to the earth spirits were given at root feasts, where the community shared the first ceremonial harvests.

Physical dimensions:

diameter 5.75 in ; height 5 in

Format:

Root Bag

Coverage:

Lower Columbia River ; Washington State ; Wasco-Wishxam

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