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1875

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Description:

When the Dine (Navajo) were freed in 1868 from their four-year incarceration by the U.S. government at Bosque Redondo, they had few sheep or other resources. The first traders who arrived on the Reservation brought commercially spun wool yarns from Germantown, Pennsylvania that were dyed in brilliant colors. Using this yarn, Dine (Navajo) weavers produced serapes with complex designs called "Eye Dazzlers". They combined terraced diamonds, interlocking zigzags, and transverse bands. This early example of an "Eye Dazzler" retains the stepped bands and center diamonds of a "classic" serape. Generally "Eye Dazzlers" were made to sell, but some were used on the reservation.

Physical dimensions:

height 90 in ; width 52 in

Format:

Serape

Coverage:

Arizona ; Dine (Navajo)

American Indian Art

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