



Date:

1895

Identifier:

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Description:

The U-shaped design at the center of the yoke of this dress represents a turtle going to, or coming from the water. The upper blue portion of the dress indicates water, and the yellow band signifies the shoreline. Turtle symbolism is essential to traditional Teton Sioux (Lakota) beliefs and is often associated with women and their sacred gift of creating life. In traditional stories, the turtle plays a critical role in forming the land that humans occupy.

Physical dimensions:

height 27 in ; width 22 in

Format:

Dress

Coverage:

North or South Dakota ; Lakota (Teton Sioux)

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