



Date:

1880

Identifier:

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Description:

These split tongue animal hide moccasins are made in classic Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne) design. The elegant bead work disk is the four direction symbol. The cardinal directions are sacred to the Tsitsistas/Suhtai (Cheyenne) as demonstrated by the use of the four holy colors; red, white, black, and yellow each associated with a direction. The use of the symbolism and colors in the moccasins was to give power to the wearer during ceremonies.

Physical dimensions:

height 4 in ; length 10.5 in ; width 3.75 in

Format:

Moccasin

American Indian Art

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