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1840

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Description:

The Dine (Navajo) borrowed many traditions from their neighbors. They learned weaving from the Pueblo Indians about 300 years ago and also looked to Mexican woven arts for inspiration. This serape shows mid-19th century Mexican influence with its long, narrow shape. The serape also includes Navajo Third Phase design elements such as diamonds and alternating light and dark bands (similar to the blanket to the right.) Serapes were commonly worn over the shoulders and wrapped around the body. A few serapes had a central opening to allow the garment to be worn as a poncho. They could also be used as sleeping blankets and riding pads.

Physical dimensions:

length 70 in ; width 52.5 in

Format:

Serape

Coverage:

Arizona ; Dine (Navajo)

American Indian Art

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