



**Creator:**

Ellen Underwood

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**Date:**

1860

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**Identifier:**

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**Description:**

Ellen Underwood is believed to have made this octopus bag – so named because of the tentaclelike drops at the bottom of the bag. Cree and Metis families brought this new tradition west with them from Manitoba and Ontario. The appearance of these bags likely challenged the creative imaginations of Wasco women such as Underwood. The technique of beadworking – the vertical and horizontal configuration of warp and weft – lent itself to traditional geometric Wasco expressions.

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**Physical dimensions:**

length 18.75 in ; length 14.75 ; width 6.375 in

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**Format:**

Octopus Bag

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**Coverage:**

OR (Oregon) ; Hood River ; Wasco/Yakima

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