



Kaman ch'uspa (Leader's Ritual Pouch)

Date

late 20th Century

Artist/Maker

Unknown, Aymara

Medium

Yarn, Alpaca and sheep wool with minor amounts of trade yarns

Description

Kaman ch'uspa ritual pouch/bag for a community kamani (elected member of indigenous village who directs the planting and maintenance of crops. Position usually held by a man and his wife). Traditionally the man carries the coca pouch. This pouch was woven with traditional black field and colorful bands. Black represents Pachamama, Mother Earth.

Dimensions

8 1/4" H including fringe x 6 1/2" W

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