

Basic Detail Report



Dimensions

2 1/4" H x 13" Diam.

Object number

NA2010.074.MUT

Wedding basket

Date

Late 20th C / Early 21st C

Artist/Maker

Unknown, Diné (Navajo)

Medium

Fiber, pigment, wood, sumac (chiilchin or k'ii') rods; yucca fiber; red dye from mountain mahogany root (tse'e'sdaazii), juniper ashes and black alder; more info below

Description

Coiled ceremonial basket (ts'aa') for weddings as well as healing and other ceremonies. It features a five-point inner star with spirit release (also called "door" or "pathway," ch'e'etiin), ten black mountains, a wide red band representing the earth, herringbone stitch rim, and cloth plug in the center.