Basic Detail Report



Dimensions

Object/Work: 865 x 560 mm

Barkcloth

Date

1790-1799

Primary Maker

Captain Wilson

Medium

Barkcloth

Description

Cloth made from decorated barkcloth, cut from a larger piece. Brought to England by Captain Wilson in 1796 after his trip to the Pacific in his ship 'The Duff' on behalf of the London Missionary Society. Decorated barkcloth was often cut into smaller pieces for presentation. This piece lacks the undecorated white edge, indicating it has been cut from a larger piece. Barkcloth made for presentation at special events such as weddings can reach hundreds of feet in length. Polynesia.