

Basic Detail Report



Shirt

Date
ca. 2013

Primary Maker
Leyda Harris

Medium
dye cotton and buttons

Description
Colorful and unique handmade clothing is commonly associated with Guna women. However, men also wear

traditional clothing on special occasions. Men’s molas are usually worn during chicha ceremonies, the most important ceremonial event of the Guna calendar. Chicha is a fermented alcoholic beverage made from maize that certain men produce on the islands. It is used for ritual purposes such as the girl’s puberty initiation as well as community parties. While much simpler than women’s dress, this man’s mola demonstrates a similarity to its female counterpart’s design.

Dimensions
Overall: 24 1/2 × 59 1/2 in. (62.2 × 151.1 cm)