



cotton and dye

Hair Ribbon (Cinta)

Date
not dated

Primary Maker
Artist Unknown

Medium

Description

This cotton hair ribbon comes from the village of San Miguel Totonicapán, where women often wrap their hair in elaborate ribbons decorated with tassels. Cintas are made on a small treadle loom known as a ribbon loom. The weaver uses a tapestry technique which leaves small gaps where colors meet. This particular piece is highly decorated and features two human figures participating in a sort of dance, and they may even be holding guns—a rare choice of decoration.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 x 2 x 112 in. (5.1 x 5.1 x 284.5 cm)