



Blouse (Huipil)

Date
not dated

Primary Maker
Artist Unknown

Medium
cotton, velvet and dye

Description

An everyday huipil from San Pedro Sacatepéquez is a cheerful explosion of color. The white cotton background is brocaded with orange, red, purple, and yellow zigzags, which weavers in this village describe as rayos, or the lightning associated with rain. Most Maya people are farmers and depend upon reliable rains in order to have enough corn, beans, and other produce to feed their families. Blue velvet trim completes the neckline, and when worn, the plain white bottom would not be visible, further emphasizing the love of color.

Dimensions

Overall: 24 x 38 in. (61 x 96.5 cm)