

Basic Detail Report



Shirt

Date

ca. 2013

Primary Maker

Leyda Harris

Medium

dyed 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)