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Bonnet in red, black and blue fabric. Sheshipatuan-akuniskeun is the Innu name for this fleece “Montagnais bonnet” traditionally worn by women.

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Period 20th century

Materials fiber, plastic

Measurements 25,5 x 26 cm

Historical context

This Innu women's bonnet, called sheshipatuan-akuniskeun in Innuaimun, is made of triangles of woollen cloth assembled to form a dome with an ornamented band at the base. This form of bonnet has been documented since the French regime. They are traditionally red

alternating with navy, light blue or black, although some early examples are entirely red. A similar men's bonnet, attested since the 17th century, was slightly more pointed and made of caribou hide. When flat, it resembled a miter or tuque when folded over the head. It gradually fell into disuse in the early 20th century. Women's bonnets, on the other hand, are still worn today by a handful of older women.

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