

Tie rack

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White tie rack hemmed with yellow beads. Green foliage motifs in embroidered beads, with beaded "TIE RACK" and "1943" inscriptions.

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Date 1943

Materials cardboard, fiber, glass, metal

Measurements 21 x 24,5 cm

Historical context

From the early 19th century onwards, the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) produced countless beadwork pieces for the tourist market. This cross-cultural art form and livelihood, where native skills and beliefs met Victorian aestheticism, produced syncretic utilitarian pieces. Motifs from the natural world, such as the pair of birds and plant elements found on this piece, appeal to tourists while conveying snippets of Haudenosaunee myths and legends.

This piece, dating from 1943 and collected from a Kanien'kehà:ka family in the Kanehsatà:ke territory, is typical of beaded objects made after 1930, when Haudenosaunee beadwork became simpler.

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