

Basic Detail Report



Blouse (Huipil)

Date

collected 1932

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

cotton, silk and dye

Description

Perhaps one of the most elaborate and important pieces in the Lowe's collection, this early huipil from Comalapa is made of natural brown cotton with complex woven detail and silk ribbon accent. The Comalapa huipil is known for a red band across the shoulders on a brown body, but this piece is a dramatic elaboration of this theme for ceremonial purposes. Designs arranged in horizontal patterns across the garment incorporate a wide variety of traditional Maya motifs such as ducks, dogs, monkeys, and birds. Square designs may represent the earth and sky. Although designs have evolved tremendously in the highlands, the Comalapa huipil remains very consistent.

Dimensions

Overall: 23 5/8 x 47 1/2 in. (60 x 120.7 cm)