

# Basic Detail Report

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## Blouse (Huipil)

### Date

not dated

### Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

### Medium

cotton, velvet, dye and metal zipper

### Description

This older two-panel huipil from Totoncapán features a simple geometric design in blue and white on white cotton with red velvet trim. A zipper was sewn in at the neckline, and it is machine hemmed at the bottom. Given its early date of manufacture, the blue may be true indigo, from the indigofera plant native to Central America. Despite its importance during the pre-contact and Colonial periods, it is very rare to find anyone using natural indigo dye today in Guatemala, as commercial dyes first made available in the early 20th century are easier to use and more readily available.

### Dimensions

Overall: 23 1/2 x 33 in. (59.7 x 83.8 cm)