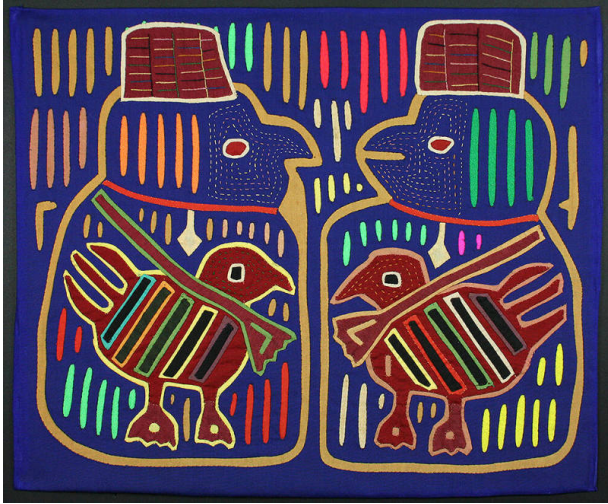


Basic Detail Report



Mola

Date

not dated

Primary Maker

Guna people

Medium

dyed cotton and thread

Description

Textile artists in Guna Yala draw inspiration from a wide variety of sources, even the products they buy in small stores on the islands. This mola depicts two jars with bird designs on their labels. The red rectangle shapes at the top are red plastic caps. Bird designs are common given their significance in the culture and prevalence in the environment. This particular mola is made of many colors, which means that more than two layers of cloth were used to create it. Molases that are made of more than two colors are called *mor gonikat*. These types of molases may also have cut out layers sewn on the top of the designs or small colorful stitches to add more detail. This mola has colored stitches on the tops of the jars and on the faces of the birds, which gives it texture. The eyes of the birds and the stripes are layers that were sewn on the top of the design to create more complexity.

Dimensions

Overall: 14 × 16 1/2 in. (35.6 × 41.9 cm)