

Hair Ribbon (Cinta)

Date

not dated

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

wool, cotton, silk and dye

Description

The primary use of the cinta is as a hair ribbon. It is decorative in nature, but also utilitarian as Maya women rarely cut their hair. The cinta is braided or wound into the hair and then fashioned into different styles, many indicative of the woman’s village. Using cotton, wool, and silk, this cinta was made on a special ribbon loom. Pink, green, yellow, and blue stripes end in two different types of fringe.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 1/4 x 140 in. (5.7 x 355.6 cm)



