

Basic Detail Report



Badge of Rank

Date

ca. 1800

Medium

silk, dye and metallic thread

Description

This badge of rank is a Golden Pheasant, Second Grade. The term k'o-ssu has been written with various characters, denoting "cross-threads," "weft woven threads," or "weft woven colors." The characters now mean "cut threads," referring to the separations of weft

threads of different colors that terminate at the margin of the colored areas instead of running through the width of the cloth. Archaeological evidence suggests that the k'o-ssu technique was in use by the late T'ang dynasty (618-906). The most elaborate k'o-ssu tapestries, brocades, and embroideries produced by the Chinese were executed during the Qing dynasty, particularly under the reign of Emperor Ch'ien-lung.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 1/2 x 12 in. (29.2 x 30.5 cm)