

Basic Detail Report



"Bida Cloth" (woman's weave)

Date

ca. 1960s

Primary Maker

Artist not recorded

Medium

Cotton, silk or rayon

Description

A woman's wrapper cloth composed of two mirror-image webs joined selvedge to selvedge. The design features thin warp stripes flanked by wide brocaded sections. The

brocade patterns are created using supplementary weft inlays, showcasing rows of stylized figurative motifs separated by horizontal stripes and decorative openings with diagonal carryover threads. One end is adorned with characteristic yellow machine embroidery, which also serves to demarcate the striped central panel from the two brocaded borders. Additionally, two embroidered proverbs embellish the ends, one reading: "Hakuri Maganin Duniya" — "Patience is the cure of the world." This wrapper is notable for its dense and diverse motifs combined with decorative holes, suggesting it was reserved for special occasions.

Dimensions

81 11/16 × 53 9/16 × 1/8 in. (207.5 × 136 × 0.3 cm)