Basic Detail Report

Woman's shoes

Date

1980s

Medium

Silk, cotton, horsehair, commercial ribbon, bamboo

Description

A pair of handmade silk shoes; The upturned and pointed-toe shoes have a red silk ground embroidered with stylized floral and leaf designs in purple and black, covering the toe and vamp areas. The heel area has a black appliqued floral design. The embroidery and applique are couched by 3 to 4 strands of horsehair wrapped with silk thread. The soles are constructed with layers of cotton stitched together, and blue cotton lines the footbed. A commercial ribbon of purple and pink is sewn around the opening and the center of the heel area.

Dimensions

3 1/8 × 11 × 3 15/16 in. (8 × 28 × 10 cm)