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Beaded Dress

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Title: Beaded Dress
Date: 1915 – 1920

Material: skin; glass; fibre; metal; shell

Dimensions: 50.0 x 124.0 cm

Description: Ladies buckskin beaded dress. Fringe all around bottom and a row half

way down the skirt. V-shaped inset at sides of skirt is fringed. Back beaded yoke is 31.0x48.0, all beadwork is backed by heavy cotton. Short

sleeves have fringe at end, some with black beads. Beadstrip is

42.0x16.0 attached to bodice, open under arms. Two stepped pyramids of red, green, yellow and blue on a white background, 3 blue standards with crosses at top between pyramids. Front yoke blue and yellow beaded bands top and bottom, white background, centre design of 2 irregular shapes in red, green and yellow, flanking them are two stepped diamond shapes in red, blue and yellow, flanking them on both sides of yoke are red chained rectangles. Hanging from bottom of yoke are 11.0 long are green tubular beads from which hang either a bell or a shell. Back yoke is same except the centre design has 4 shapes and bands at top and bottom are different, bottom band is green and white, top is green, white and yellow and there are no shells, just bells hanging.

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