Basic Detail Report



Basket

Date
ca. 2000s

Primary Maker
Elliot Mkhize

Medium
Telephone Wire, Steel Wire

Description
Wire basket of har wire technique with red and orange rim, images of houses and the South African flag. Predominant colors brown, grey, yellow, and green sections. When speaking of his baskets featuring the South African flag, Elliot Mkhize affirmed that his “earlier work supported the ANC [African National Congress] through use of ANC colors,” but he was “now promoting ‘The New South Africa.’” Mkhize, who passed away in 2020, confirmed that, as the new nation emerged in the 1990s, some weavers diminished their emphasis on political parties and instead supported national unity.

Dimensions
9 1/2 × 9 1/2 × 1 1/2 in. (24.13 × 24.13 × 3.81 cm)