



## Sanightaaq (ceremonial gut parka)

### Date

Early 20th century

### Primary Maker

Artist Not Recorded

### Medium

Seal gut, auklet crests, seal fur, cormorant feathers, sinew, thread

### Description

This distinctive St. Lawrence Island ceremonial parka, a style made through the mid-twentieth century, features eye-catching rows of auklet crest tufts and cormorant feather hood embellishments. St. Lawrence Island Elder, gut expert, and colloquium participant Elaine Kingeekuk noted that this functions as a windbreaker to be worn over

a bird skin or yearling reindeer parka. To achieve the opaque white “winter-bleached” gut requires scraping, soaking, and rinsing the intestines, then inflating and drying it outdoors in the cold air and bright sunshine of early spring after winter winds subside. Kingeekuk observed that few women make winterbleached gut now, noting that global warming is changing the preparation of even clothing. (exhibition label text). St. Lawrence Island Yupik hooded parka, made with seal or walrus gut, auklet crests, seal fur, gut and skin strips and thread (or black sinew). Color: Off-white ground (winter-bleached intestine), brown (feathers and fur), orange (auklet crests).

### Dimensions

H 45" x W 56.5" x D 4.5" Waist: 32"