



Wedge Weave

Date

c. 1885

Medium

Wool

Description

This striking Navajo textile is an example of the rare and dynamic "Wedge Weave" technique, a weaving style that emerged in the late 19th century. Unlike traditional Navajo weaving, which follows a structured, horizontal weft pattern, wedge weave is characterized by diagonal weft lines that create a distinctive zigzag or undulating effect. This technique results in a textured, slightly scalloped edge, as seen in this piece, adding to its visual

complexity. The bold use of red, black, brown, and white enhances the optical movement of the design, making it a vibrant and visually engaging example of Navajo innovation in textile artistry. The wedge weave technique largely faded from practice by the early 20th century but has experienced a revival among contemporary Navajo weavers, who recognize its unique aesthetic and technical challenge.

Dimensions

Overall: 52 x 45 in. (132.08 x 114.3 cm)