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BUCKSKIN, GLASS SEED BEADS, TIN AND RAWHIDE
CIRCA 1870
SIZE: 30.5CM LONG – 12 INS LONG

LITERATURE

CROW WOMEN WOULD WEAR ATTACHED TO THEIR BELTS A SEWING AWL CASE TOGETHER WITH A CASED FLINT AND STEEL FOR STARTING FIRES AND A WHETSTONE. LIKE THE OTHER NOMADIC TRIBES OF THE GREAT PLAINS THE CROW NEEDED A VARIETY OF CONTAINERS IN WHICH TO CARRY THEIR BELONGINGS, AND THEIR GEOMETRIC BEADWORK DESIGNS WERE USED TO DECORATE SOFT SKIN POUCHES FOR USE AS CONTAINERS FOR A VARIETY OF SMALL OBJECTS, AS WELL AS TO DECORATE THE LARGER SADDLE BAGS, GUN CASES, CRADLES AND TOBACCO POUCHES.