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# ABENAKI BASKET

Dating back to between 1860 and 1910, this basket was likely made by the Abenaki from vanilla sweetgrass and ash splints—the materials of choice of women makers, who crafted a tremendous number of baskets.

Their creations carry all the traditional elements of the cultures from which they emerged, as well as the symbols and designs that were in demand on the retail market.

This basket is 21 cm high and 18 cm wide. Initially part of the Edward Marion Chadwick Collection, it was acquired by the McCord Museum from Chadwick's daughter Louisa in 1930.

Basket, possibly Abenaki, 1865–1910. M12623 © McCord Stewart Museum