

Women Weaving Love and Strength

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Women have been weaving beautiful, useful objects and clothing for thousands of years. Learn more in this quiz.





**THESE ARTWORKS WERE ALL
MADE BY WEAVING.**

A True

B False



Answer: A (True)

Clothing, baskets, carpets, and more can be woven by tightly interlacing yarn, natural fibers, and other materials.

Kaqchikel Maya, Blouse (huipil), c. 1970. Cotton, synthetic. Gift of Roberta and Richard Simmons 88.103.29. G260

Olassie Akulukjuk, Creeping Up, 1980. Wool. Gift of Joy B. Osborne 2017.128. G260

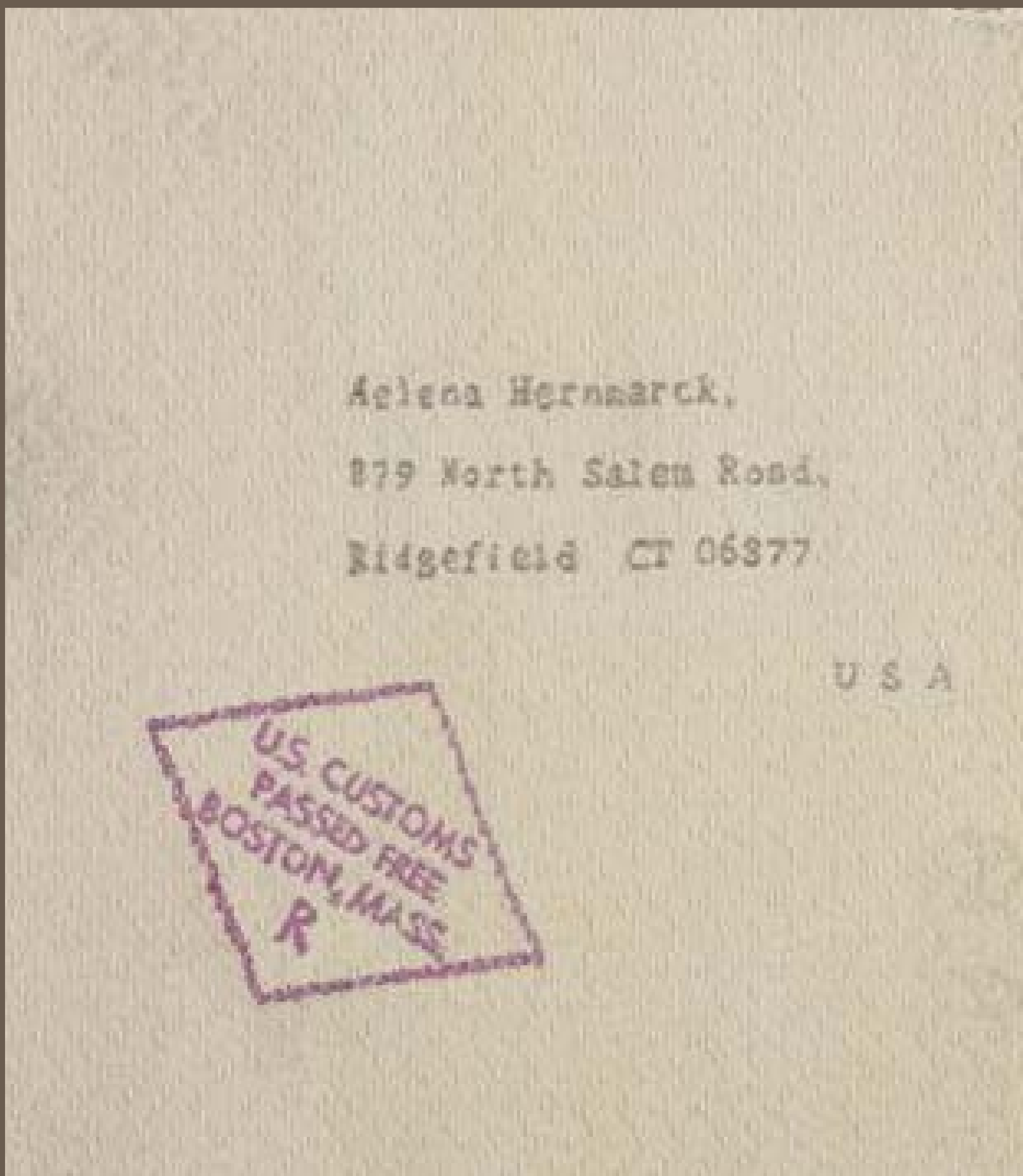
Carole Hetzel, Brendan Basket, No. 232, 2005. Plant fibers, pigment, steel. Gift of funds from GMAC-RFC in honor of Susan Lundgren, ADDACS volunteer. G281



THIS IS A PHOTO OF A REAL
ENVELOPE.

A True

B False



Answer: B (False)

This realistic-looking “envelope” was woven with wool! Helena Hernmarck replicated a piece of mail sent by her Swedish aunt, right down to the wrinkles and smudges.

Helena Hernmarck, *Envelope from Sweden*, 1992. Wool. Gift of Helena M. Hernmarck 2008.57.5



HOW BIG IS THIS BASKET?

A The size of a penny.

B The size of a basketball.



Answer: A (A penny)

Indigenous communities in the Southwest United States made tiny baskets for tourists who wanted an easy-to-pack souvenir.

See more tiny (and not so tiny) baskets in the new exhibit “Unexpected Turns: Women Artists and the Making of American Basket-Weaving Traditions.”

Akimel O’odham (Pima), Miniature Round Basket, 20th century. Natural plant fiber. Gift of Mrs. C. C. Bovey

Akimel O’odham (Pima), Miniature Basket, 1900-1942. Natural plant fiber. Gift of Mrs. C. C. Bovey

Tohono O’odham (Papago), Miniature Basket, 20th century. Natural plant fiber. Gift of Mrs. C. C. Bovey



**HOW DOES THIS WOVEN WOOL
FEEL?**

A Scratchy

B Soft



Answer: B (Soft)

Unlike some itchy sweaters you may have, the wool textiles made by skilled Aymaran women in South America are woven so tightly they feel almost as soft as silk!

Aymaran, Textile, 18th century, Wool, pigments, Gift of Elissa and Paul Cahn
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activities using simple
materials.



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