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Provenience: Polynesia, American Samoa

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People or Culture: Samoans**Object:** Barkcloth (Siapo tasina)**Material:** Paper mulberry bark (u'a) (Broussonetia papyrifera), dyes

Description: Siapo tasina rubbed off carved wood upeti, rectangular with freehand blackish brown lines dividing siapo into six panels all with freehand overpainting in black-brown of floral, foliate, curvilinear motifs, etc. At center of each panel, black-brown overpainting on natural background with light brown motifs, alternating squares of wavy lines, 8 petaled flower, "x" over 4 pointed star. Several tears on edges.

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Dimensions: 191.0 cm x 132.0 cm
(in cm.)

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Collection: Gift of Sheridan Pressey Collins 12/91
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