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

Description: Rectangular siapo tasina rubbed off a carved wood upeti in light brown dye. Overpainted with blackish-brown dye dividing it into 8 panels with alternating zig-zag designs of stripes, triangles and crescents. Triangles and crescents overpainted in blackish-brown. On 2 longer sides borders of crescentic shapes in rows, alternating overpainting in blackish-brown - last 2 rows are black-brown (overpainting sloppy, plain black beautiful). Several holes and tears, very fragile.

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Dimensions: 144.0 cm x 130.0 cm
(in cm.)

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Collection: Gift of Sheridan Pressy Collins 12/91
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