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Provenience: Melanesia, Solomon Islands, Santa Cruz Islands

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People or Culture: Santa Cruz**Object:** TAPA CLOTH**Material:** Barkcloth (species unknown), turmeric dye

Description: Tapa cloth with 6 natural beige panels with black motifs of figures, animals, trees, chevrons, geometric shapes, and dots alternating with 5 plain, turmeric dyed rusty yellow panels. (Turmeric dye has discolored the non-dyed panels in several places). Designs are crude. Tapa cloth very stiff with tears and brittle big branch holes, also several losses at edges. (Information from tapa expert Carol Turchan 7/1986). (See Acc. File 3636 for more information).

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Dimensions: L. = 110.2; W. = 45.4
(in cm.)

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Collection: Purchase from Caroline Yacoe, 4/17/85 and 5/29/85.
Collected by same, 1984.