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240365**Provenience:** Zaria, Nigeria

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**People or Culture:** Yoruba**Object:** Textile**Material:** Woven Silk

**Description:** This warp faced fabric was woven in three sections then tacked together with black cotton thread to form one cloth. The warp alternates every other thread black and golden yellow (not metallic). A plain weave background creates horizontal gold and black stripes. The black weft is unseen except at the selvage. The blue silk creates a eight point repeating star pattern on the face of the fabric. The reverse

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**Dimensions:** length 300 cm x width 138 cm  
(in cm.)

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**Collection:** Diana Cohen 1973

being the alternating black and gold horizontal stripes.

OKENE SILK from the town of Okene in the Kwara State  
referred to as a " 3 piece" length of Okene Silk.  
It is woven from imported silk thread.

The weaver is a woman named:

Aisetu Salamatu

She is of the Igbirra people clan: Ozidu ( children of  
the lion )

Designs on Okene silk are taken from simple things  
such as mats ( not particularly symbolic ) There is a  
craft center at Okene from which this fabric came.

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This piece can be washed in gentle suds. Cool iron.