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240366**Provenience:** Zaria, Nigeria**Field No.****People or Culture:** Yoruba**Object:** textile**Material:** Woven Silk**Neg. No.**

Description: This warp faced fabric was woven in three sections then tacked together with black cotton thread to form one cloth. The warp is golden yellow (not metallic) and green silk. The gold and yellow alternate every other creating horizontal stripes of green and gold when woven in plain weave. The black cotton weft is not seen except at the selvage. The blue silk weft creates rows of diamonds and their reverse

Dimensions: length 185 cm x width 152 cm
(in cm.)

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on the face of the fabric. The reverse of the fabric is horizontal stripes of the green and gold warp.

OKENE SILK from the town of Okene in Kwara State referred to as a "3 piece" length of Okene silk.

It is woven from imported silk.

The weaver is a woman named:

Aisetu Salamatu

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

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

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