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Provenience: Zaria, Nigeria**Field No.****People or Culture:** Yoruba**Object:** Textile**Material:** Woven Silk and Cotton

Description: This warped faced fabric was woven in four sections then tacked together with black cotton thread to form one cloth. The warp is blue and black cotton alternating in 1/2" alternating stripes. The weft is black cotton alternating every other with a golden yellow (not metallic) silk. The black cotton is unseen except at the selvage. The silk creates a slight pattern on the face side. The reverse only shows the

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Dimensions:
(in cm.) length 178cm x width 228 cm

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Collection: Diana Cohen 1973

alternating blue and black cotton stripes of the warp.

OKENE SILK from the town of Okene in the Kwara State referred to as a "4 piece" length of Okene Silk and cotton.

It is woven from Nigerian cotton and 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. 1972

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