

Wall Pockets

During the mid 1800s Metis women made a variety of household accessories that were decorated with embroidery and beadwork. Typical items were wall pockets, tea cozies, and shelf valences. The sale of these items was also a way to augment family income.

Wall pockets provided storage space for small household items as well as providing bright decoration for a room. The wall pocket shown below, which dates from the mid 1800s belonged to Bev Worsley's mother, Margaret Fayant. It is 7"x 9" (178 x 229cm.). The trim is of black velvet, the centre panels are of blue stroud and a black knit material. The family is from Lebrét Saskatchewan but originally from St. François Xavier.



Wall Pocket from the Louis Riel Institute "Fayant Collection" donated by Bev Worsley.



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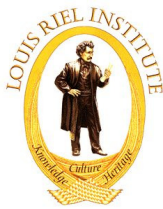


Metis wall pocket from the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History (45.7 x 31.5 cm.). Cat. # 2-15445. Detail shown below.





Metis wall pocket from the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History (29.8 x 15.5 cm.). Cat. # 2-7590.



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