

EMBROIDERY ON SKIRT, ZIMBABWE

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECT

Repository:	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
Creator:	Unknown craftswoman in Zimbabwe
Title:	Embroidery on Skirt, Zimbabwe
Dates:	1980s
Quantity:	1 skirt
Identification:	Folk Art & Artifacts

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

This skirt was a gift from Erica Sigauke to Erica Burke (now Erica Gonyea). Erica Sigauke is from Zimbabwe, Erica Burke is from Washington County, New York. They met at a meeting of Troy Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, and from the chance of discovering they shared a name, they became friends.

INDEX TERMS

Topics:	United Methodist Church African crafts Textiles Embroidery Domestic activities - women
Places:	Zimbabwe
Important People:	Erica Sigauke Erica Burke Erica Gonyea
Form/Genre:	Realia

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECTS

This is a bright yellow cotton wrap-around skirt. It is machine sewn and hand-embroidered. It is 32 inches long, with a 1.25 inch waistband and a 3 inch hem.

There are 12 women embroidered on the skirt, in two rows. Each figure is about 4 inches tall, and each is doing a different activity. Each one is either carrying a baby, or accompanied by a small child. The women are engaged in the following activities:

Walking, carrying a child;

Gathering grass(?), with a baby on her back;

Picking fruit from a tree, with a baby on her back;

Carrying a bundle and a child on her back;

Pounding manioc(?) In a large wooden mortar, with a long wooden pestle with a baby on her back;

Woman knitting while walking, carrying an umbrella on her head and a baby on her back;

Woman walking with a lidded cooking pot on her head, a baby on her back

Woman with a baby on her back, bending over to pick up a satchel;

Woman either pouring water into a stream or dipping water out of the stream, with a baby on her back;

Woman with a baby on her back, two bundles on her head, carrying a large cup and saucer in one hand and a basket with a rabbit (?) in it in the other;

Woman with water jar on her head, holding small child by the hand;

Woman with a baby on her back sifting grain into a basket.