



Coptic Textile Fragment

Date

4th to 5th century

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

wool, linen and dye

Description

Between their conversion to Christianity by 325 and the conquest by Islamic Arab armies in the early 7th century, Egyptians produced art known as Coptic after the Greek word "Copt" for Egypt. Complicated and colorful (primarily red, yellow, and purple) tapestry bands were sewn on to

white linen garments. The background cloth for these strips of tapestry has been supplied and is probably not the original garment.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 x 9 7/8 in. (27.9 x 25.1 cm)