

# LOOM DINE' (NAVAJO)

## OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTS

<b>Repository:</b>	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
<b>Creator:</b>	Begay? (D.Y. Begay's brother)
<b>Title:</b>	Loom Dine' (Navajo)
<b>Dates:</b>	1999
<b>Quantity:</b>	One item
<b>Identification:</b>	Folk Art

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

D.Y. Begay is a weaver, a daughter of a weaver's daughter. She is a Navajo born to Totsohini, the Big Water People, and born for Ta'chii'nii, the Red Earth Streak People. She resides in Teselani and Scottsdale, Arizona, with her husband and son.

She learned at an early age to shear sheep, card and spin wool, pick the plants for dyeing the fleece to obtain the varied and subtle colors in her weaving. As she says, "Everything in my weaving is natural. I use the same techniques passed from my ancestors to me to create designs that have artistic and traditional values."

D.Y. Begay has exhibited her weavings at the Indian Market in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and other important markets and museums throughout the United States. She was a contributor to the Smithsonian's *Woven by the Grandmothers: Nineteenth Century Navajo textiles from the National Museum of the American Indian* (1996). She participated as a traditional artist-in-residence for the Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library's *Navajo Exploration* project, co-hosted by the Hyde Collection Art Museum in the Fall of 1999.

## INDEX TERMS

<b>Topics:</b>	Weaving Navajo weaving Looms
<b>Places:</b>	Teselani, Navajo Nation Scottsdale, Arizona

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
Washington, DC  
Glens Falls, New York

**Important People:** Begay, D.Y.  
Begay? (brother of D.Y.)

**Form/Genre:** realia

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Preferred Citation:** Loom Dine' (Navajo)  
Folklife Center  
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.

**Accession Information:** Acquired fall of 1999

**Processing Information:** Arranged and described by Erica Gonyea, 2019

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECTS**

The wood and metal upright loom, with shuttle and stick, with comb, contains the beginnings of a rug made by D.Y. Begay. The loom was made by her brother.

The loom is 32 inches tall and 24 inches wide.