

QUIPU AS10

Museum identification: No. 6271 (Niedersächsische Landesmuseum,
Hanover, West Germany)

Main Cord: color W

- § 3.0 cm: top cord (T1), then space of 1.5 cm
- 4.5 cm: group of 6 pendant cords (1-6), then space of 0.5 cm
- 6.5 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (7-9), then space of 0.5 cm
- 7.5 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (10-12), then space of 0.5 cm
- 8.5 cm: pendant cord (13), then mend in main cord
- 9.5 cm: group of 2 pendant cords (14-15)
- 10.0 cm: top cord (T2)
- 10.5 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (16-18), then space of 0.5 cm
- 11.5 cm: group of 3 pendant cords (19-21), then space of 1.0 cm
- 13.0 cm: pendant cord (22), then single knot in main cord
- 13.5 cm: pendant cord (23), then space of 59 cm
- 73.0 cm: end †

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
T1	3s(3.5); 3L(14.5)	24.5¢	LB:W	33	1:0.5
T1s1	1s(3.0); 8L(14.0)	19.0¢	W	18	
1	2L(14.5)	39.5¢	RG:W	2	

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
2	4L(14.0)	43.0¢	RG:W	4	
3	2s(3.0); 3L(13.5)	30.5¢	RG:W	23	
4	3L(13.0)	35.0¢	RG:W	3	
5	4L(12.0)	22.0¢	LB:W	4	
6	1s(3.0); 8L(10.5)	17.0¢	LB:W	18	
7	4L(11.5)	19.5¢	LB:W	4	
8	1E(11.0)	29.0¢	LB	1	
9	1s(3.0); 2L(11.0)	30.0¢	LB	12	
10	3L(11.0)	29.0¢	LB	3	
11	3L(11.5)	25.0¢	LB	3	
12	2s(4.0)	30.0¢	LB	20	
13	3L(12.0)	32.0¢	LB	3	
14	9L(12.0)	22.0¢	LB	9	
15	4L(11.0)	21.0¢	LB:W	4	
T2	2s(1.0); 1E(11.0)	20.0¢	LB:W	21	
16	--	25.0¢	LB:W	0	
17	--	25.0¢	LB:W	0	
18	--	28.0¢	LB	0	
19	5L(13.0)	39.0¢	W	5	
20	4L(13.0)	36.0¢	W	4	
21	3s(4.0); 8L(12.0)	30.0¢	W	38	
22	--	31.0¢	LB	0	
23	2L(10.0)	25.0¢	LB	2	

Observations

1. All cords have end knots making this a well-preserved specimen.
2. Association by color gives one possible grouping while spacing gives another:
by color groups of 4,3,7,3,1,2; by spacing groups of 6,3,3,6,3,2.
3. Top cord 2 has value of 21 equaling the number of cords (excluding last two set off by main cord knot).
4. The value of top cord 1 plus the value of its subsidiary equals 51. The total value of the first 7 pendants is 51 and the total value of the next 7 pendants is 51.