

QUIPU AS25

Museum identification: No. SA4041 (University Museum, University of Pennsylvania)

Main cord: color W

\$15.5 cm: pendant cord (1), then space of 3.5 cm.

19.5 cm: pendant cord (2), then s knots and flags interspersed for 42.5 cm.,*
then space of 26.0 cm.

88.0 cm: end ç

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
1**	**	60.0ç	W	**	**
2	--	12.5ç	W	0	--

Observations

*1. Construction note: Spaced along the main cord are s knots and small flags.

The flags are short cords, 1.0 cm. to 3.0 cm. in length, each with a finished end, attached in the same manner as + subsidiaries, colored W or LB or LB:W.

Starting from pendant cord 2, the knots and flags are arranged as follows:

2.0 cm., 1s, 3.0 cm., 1s, 2.0 cm., 1s, 3.0 cm., 1s, 2.0 cm., LB flag (2.0 cm.),
2.0 cm., 1s, 3.0 cm., 1s, 2.0 cm., LB flag (2.0 cm.), 1.0 cm., LB:W flag
(2.5 cm.), 1.0 cm., 1s, 4.0 cm., 1s, 3.0 cm., LB flag (3.0 cm.), 0.5 cm., 1s,
4.5 cm., 1s, 1.5 cm., LB:W flag (1.0 cm.), 1.5 cm., LB flag (2.0 cm.), 2.0 cm.,
LB:W flag (2.0 cm.), 2.0 cm., 1s, 1.5 cm., LB flag (2.0 cm.), 1.0 cm., LB:W
flag (2.0 cm.), 0.5 cm., W flag (1.0 cm.), 1.0 cm., 1s.

**2. Construction note: Spaced along cord 1 are s knots and flags. The flags are 1.5 cm. to 3.0 cm. in length, each with a finished end, attached in the same

manner as + subsidiaries, colored either W or B. Starting from where the pendant is attached to the main cord, it is arranged as follows: 11.5 cm., 1s, 3.5 cm., 1s, 3.0 cm., W flag (1.5 cm.), 1.0 cm., 1s, 1.5 cm., B flag (2.0 cm.), 0.5 cm., W flag (1.5 cm.), 1.0 cm., 1s, 2.5 cm., 1s, 2.0 cm., 1s, 3.5 cm., 1s, 2.0 cm., W flag (3.0 cm.), 2.5 cm., 1s, 1.0 cm., B flag (2.0 cm.), 0.5 cm., B flag (2.0 cm.), 0.5 cm., B flag (2.0 cm.), 0.5 cm., B flag (2.0 cm.), 0.5 cm., 1s, 1.5 cm., B flag (2.0 cm.), 0.5 cm., B flag (2.0 cm.), 0.5 cm., B flag (2.0 cm.), 0.5 cm., 1s, 3.0 cm., B flag (2.5 cm.), 0.5 cm., B flag (1.5 cm.), 2.0 cm., 1s, 16.0 cm.

3. See AS15 for similar use of flags and knots.
4. The main cord has 10 flags; the colors of the flags are 1 lb, then 8 alternating LB, LB:W, then 1 W. The interspersal of knots and flags separates the 10 flags into groups of 1, 2, 1, 3, 3 and separates the 12 knots into groups of 4, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1.
5. Pendant cord (1) has 13 flags; the colors are W, B, 2W, 9B. The interspersal of knots and flags separates the 13 flags into groups of 1, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2 and separates the 11 knots into groups of 2, 1, 4, 1, 1, 1, 1.
6. The flag and knot groupings on both the main cord and the pendant begin and end with knot groups. In total, there are 23 knots and 23 flags. On both the main cord and pendant cord, any knot or flag group containing 3 or 4 of either is always followed by a group containing only one of the other.