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Source and ID: Straw Sandals Project item China 12

Style: Sandal attached to foot by tie system

Attachment of sole to vamp (upper): Continuous

Sole front toe-loops: 2 symmetrical

Sole side-toe loops: 1

Sole mid-sole loops: 1

Sole side heel-loops: 2 symmetrical

Sole back heel-loops: 2 symmetrical

Tie-system technique: Toe-heel system

Attached decorative element: None

Decoration: None

Sole warp or passive element: Fine, twisted, rounded element

Sole weft or active element: Coarse, twisted, rounded element

Sole bundle: Does not apply (no bundle used)

Sole warp or passive element yarn ply: 2 ply

Sole warp or passive element yarn twist: S-twist

Sole weft or active element yarn ply: 2 ply

Sole weft or active element yarn twist: Z-twist

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Sole side edge finishing technique (selvage): Simple (produced from elements already in the sole)

Sole construction technique:	1 by 1 weft faced plainweave (warps and wefts used)
Sole warp material:	Spun fibers
Sole weft material:	Straw or grass
Sole solid (non-woven) material:	Does not apply (sole not made of solid material)
Upper (vamp + quarter) warp or passive element:	Fine, twisted, rounded element
Upper (vamp + quarter) weft or active element:	Coarse, twisted, rounded element
Upper (vamp + quarter) bundle:	Does not apply (no bundle used)
Upper (vamp + quarter) warp or passive element yarn ply:	2 ply
Upper (vamp + quarter) warp or passive element yarn twist:	S-twist
Upper (vamp + quarter) weft or active element yarn ply:	2 ply
Upper (vamp + quarter) weft or active element yarn twist:	Z-twist
Upper (vamp + quarter) edge finishing technique (selvage):	Simple (produced from elements already in the sole)
Upper (vamp + quarter) construction technique:	1 by 1 weft faced plainweave (warps and wefts used)
Upper (vamp + quarter) warp material:	Spun fibers
Upper (vamp + quarter) weft material:	Straw or grass
Upper solid (non-woven) material:	Does not apply (vamp not made of solid material)
Structure of upper:	Vamp and quarter
Overall sole shape:	Asymmetrical

Additional information: Item China 12 was made in Sichuan Province in the countryside by a Da Zhu County weaver. He used a light-colored straw (rice straw) for the weft and a special kind of hemp cord from Da Zhu County from which he created a 2-ply S-twist warp. An interesting feature is the asymmetry of the sole. The asymmetry was created in two ways, first by asymmetrical placement of the toe side loop set and the mid sole loop set, and by creating jogs or wider areas of the sole on which the smallest toe rests. Some Anasazi sandals from the southwest U.S. have a similar smallest toe jog seen in Deegan (1993). The China 12 side loop clusters were each designated as a set, so the heel side loop sets had four loops in each set, the mid sole set had eight loops and the toe side loop set had seven loops.

The code for describing this specimen is

2	1	1	7	5	-9	2	2	2	3	2	3	3
2	2	1	2	-9	7	5	-9	2	2	2	2	3
2	2	1	2	-9	3	2						