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Source and ID: Straw Sandals Project China 19

Style: Sandal attached to foot by tie system

Attachment of sole to vamp (upper): Does not apply (no vamp used)

Sole front toe-loops: 2 symmetrical

Sole side-toe loops: 2 symmetrical

Sole mid-sole loops: 2 symmetrical

Sole side heel-loops: 2 symmetrical

Sole back heel-loops: 2 symmetrical

Tie-system technique: Crisscross system

Attached decorative element: None

Decoration: Pattern created by main construction technique

Sole warp or passive element: Coarse, fibrous, rounded element

Sole weft or active element: Coarse, fibrous, 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: S-twist

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

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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:	Straw or grass
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:	Coarse, fibrous, rounded element
Upper (vamp + quarter) weft or active element:	Coarse, fibrous, 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:	S-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:	Straw or grass
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:	Quarter only
Overall sole shape:	Symmetrical

Additional information: China 19 was found in a house demolition in a suburb of Wuxi, near Shanghai, and dates at least to the 1920's. The most novel aspect of this sandal is the tie system that uses only the wefts and features a decorative Chinese knot in the center of the toe region. The warps are wrapped with four rounds of weft at the very front of the toe. The quarter is at the back of the heel and is formed from all four of the warps and wefts constructed in a very strong and tight weft weaving pattern. Two of these warps form a symmetrical heel sling and the other two are available to tie the sandals firmly onto the ankle.

The code for describing this specimen is

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