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Source and ID: Straw Sandals Project item China 34

Style: Sandal attached to foot by tie system

Attachment of sole to vamp (upper): Discontinuous (sole and vamp made separately and then attached)

Sole front toe-loops: 0

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: 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: Z-twist

Sole weft or active element yarn ply: 2 ply

Sole weft or active element yarn twist: Both S and 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:	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:	Fine, fibrous, rounded element
Upper (vamp + quarter) weft or active element:	Fine, 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:	Z-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 upper)
Upper (vamp + quarter) construction technique:	Other
Upper (vamp + quarter) warp material:	Spun fibers
Upper (vamp + quarter) weft material:	Spun fibers
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 34 was purchased at an open market along the Daning River. This river is a tributary of the Yangtze River and is located north of the Yangtze, so we consider this region North China. The sole is very typical for the Yangtze area and is similar to sandals like China 11 and China 22 from Sichuan Province. However, changes have been made to strengthen the sandal. A piece of rubber from a ball such as a basketball is attached to the small upper piece that comes out of the toe. A fine white twine is used to wrap the part of the upper that comes up from the heel. A strong cord is used as a tie cord and is attached by heel side loops. It may tie through some very small loops extending from the vamp. The vamp is intricately woven from the same white twine. Parts of the vamp are tightly woven taking the warps two at a time and doing a simple weave with the wefts. In two areas it is weft faced and in between only the warps connect these areas. The twine is attached to the sides of the sole

and brought up into the vamp in a manner that resembles the multiple side loops of other sandals collected near the Yangtze.

The code for describing this specimen is

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