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Source and ID: Straw Sandals Project item China 35

Style: Slip-on shoe (e.g. slipper, moccasin, loafer)

Attachment of sole to vamp (upper): Continuous

Sole front toe-loops: 0

Sole side-toe loops: 0

Sole mid-sole loops: 0

Sole side heel-loops: 0

Sole back heel-loops: 0

Tie-system technique: Does not apply (no tie-system used)

Attached decorative element: None

Decoration: Pattern created by main construction technique

Sole warp or passive element: Coarse, fibrous, flattened 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: 1 ply

Sole warp or passive element yarn twist: No twist

Sole weft or active element yarn ply: 1 ply

Sole weft or active element yarn twist: No 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:	Leaves, twigs, stalk or bark
Sole weft material:	Leaves, twigs, stalk or bark
Sole solid (non-woven) material:	Does not apply (sole not made of solid material)
Upper (vamp + quarter) warp or passive element:	Fine, fibrous, flattened 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:	1 ply
Upper (vamp + quarter) warp or passive element yarn twist:	No twist
Upper (vamp + quarter) weft or active element yarn ply:	1 ply
Upper (vamp + quarter) weft or active element yarn twist:	No twist
Upper (vamp + quarter) edge finishing technique (selvage):	Simple (produced from elements already in the upper)
Upper (vamp + quarter) construction technique:	1 by 1 weft faced plainweave (warps and wefts used)
Upper (vamp + quarter) warp material:	Leaves, twigs, stalks or bark
Upper (vamp + quarter) weft material:	Leaves, twigs, stalks or bark
Upper solid (non-woven) material:	Does not apply (vamp not made of solid material)
Structure of upper:	Vamp and quarter
Overall sole shape:	Symmetrical

Additional information: Like China 15, this child's shoe is complicated with multiple construction techniques. The shoes are marked with a "Made in China" sticker, and because the fiber used is corn husk, we assume they are from North China. Unlike China 15 these shoes seem to have two layers to the sole, not three. As in China 15, the weft on the sole of these shoes runs parallel to the horizontal and is woven in a spiral formation. The warps are braided down the center of the sole, creating a ridge, perhaps for greater traction. The inner lining of the shoe is created from the sole warps that are brought up over the inner side of the shoe, across the inner sole, and up the other inner side of the shoe. These warps are secured by the top selvage and by stitching around the bottom edges of the inner sole. The vamp has a decorative strip of weaving in a rust brown color.

The code for describing this specimen is

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