

QUIPU AS189

Museum identification: No. VA4334 (Museum Für Völkerkunde, Berlin)

Main cord: color W

§ 1.0 cm: group of 6 pendant cords (1-6), then space of 2.0 cm.

4.5 cm: pendant cord (7), then space of 8.5 cm.

13.0 cm: group of 6 pendant cords (8-13), then space of 0.5 cm.

15.0 cm: group of 6 pendant cords (14-19), then space of 1.0 cm.

17.5 cm: group of 4 pendant cords (20-23), then space of 30.0 cm.

48.5 cm: end

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
1	3s(10.0);7L(28.0)	65.0ç	W	37	
2	4s(11.0)	85.0ç	LB	40	
3	1s(10.0);8L(28.0)	70.0ç	W	18	
4	8L(25.0)	40.0	LB	8	
5	1s(11.5);1E(29.5)	77.5ç	W	11	
6	1s(10.5)	11.0b	W	1?	
7	--	0.5b	?	?	
8	2s(12.0);8L(24.0)	24.5b	LB	28	1:0.5
8s1	2s(11.5);9L(23.5)	51.5ç	LB:W	29	
9	9L(23.0)	59.0ç	LB	9	
10	1s(12.0);3L(24.5)	55.5ç	LB	13	
11	6L(24.0)	54.0ç	LB	6	1:0.5
11s1	--	19.5b	LB:W	?	
12	6L(24.5)	59.5ç	LB	6	1:0.5

Cord	Knots (no., type, position)	Length	Color	Value	Subsidiaries (no., position)
12s1	--	0.5b	?	?	
13	2L(25.0)	56.0¢	LB	2	1:0.5
13s1	--	0.5b	?	?	
14	9L(20.0)	64.0¢	LB	9	1:0.5
14s1	1s(10.0);1E(20.5)*	50.5¢	LB-W	11	
15	9L(19.0)	65.0¢	LB	9	1:0.5
15s1	9L(17.5)	51.5¢	LB-W	9	
16	--	8.0b	LB	?	1:0.5
16s1	4L(22.5)	25.5b	LB-W	4	
17	1s(10.5)	77.5¢	LB	10	1:0.5
17s1	4L(25.0)	39.0b	LB-W	4	
18	4L(24.5)	51.5	LB	4	1:0.5
18s1	2L(25.0)	56.0¢	LB-W	2	
19	4L(26.0)	58.0	LB	4	1:0.5
19s1	2L(25.0)	44.0¢	LB-W	2	
20	2L(25.5)	53.5	W	2	
21	3L(24.0)	51.5	W	3	1:0.5
22	2L(22.5)	50.5¢	LB-W	2	
23	--	0.5	W	?	
24	1E(25.0)*	69.0	W	1	1:0.5
24s1	--	7.0b	LB-W	?	

Observations

- 1.* This is an unraveled E type knot or a twist in the cord.
2. This is one of several quipus acquired by the Museum in 1907 with provenance Pachacamac. For a list of these quipus, see AS97.
3. AS187, AS188, and AS189 were acquired together as part of the contents of a wicker basket. For a description of this collection, see AS187.
4. By spacing, the quipu is separated into 4 groups. The first group is separated from the next 3 groups by a large space which included a single pendant cord. Groups 1-3 each have 6 pendants.
5. Group 4 has all pendants W; groups 2 and 3 have all pendants LB; and group 1 has some of each color. There are no subsidiaries in group 1; all subsidiaries in group 2 are LB:W; and all subsidiaries in groups 3 and 4 are LB-W.