

## Embroidered flour sack

This cotton sack for Imboden Milling Company flour was embroidered and embellished with ribbon and lace. Embroidered designs include the U.S. and Belgian flags; a French message whose English translation is "Thank you, America;" sprays of wheat; and the town name Neerpelt (Belgium). This sack originally contained Kansas flour sent overseas during World War I for relief efforts organized by the Commission for Relief in Belgium. Some of the sacks were embroidered by Belgian women and returned to the United States as an expression of gratitude. The Kansas Belgian Relief Fund received this sack and placed it on display in a downtown Topeka store before donating it to the Kansas Historical Society.

Creator: Bemis Brothers Bag Company

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