Woodland Indian Silk Ribbon Appliqué

Native Americans used trade silk ribbon to decorate their clothes, moccasins, and blankets. In the 1800's, the Miami, Shawnee, Potowatomi, and Delaware people cut, overlapped, and sewed different colored ribbons together to create geometric designs. This art is called 'ribbon appliqué.'

Color the ribbon appliqué work on the left side of this page!

Miami girl holds her baby brother in a cradleboard, about 1810.