Shop Wisely...Tips for Buying

- When purchasing from a dealer, choose one with a good reputation
- Request a written guarantee or written verification of authenticity
- Get a receipt that includes all the vital information about your purchase, including price, maker, and maker’s Tribal affiliation
- Familiarize yourself with the different materials and types of American Indian arts and crafts, as well as the indicators of a well-made, handcrafted piece
- Realize that authentic handmade pieces may be expensive...if a price seems too good to be true, be sure to ask more questions about the item and its maker

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