

Basic Detail Report



Tooth and Nail

Date

1970

Primary Maker

Dennis Oppenheim

Medium

Filmstills from 8mm color film

Dimensions

Frame (a-c each): 20 1/8 × 30 1/8 × 1 in. (51.1 × 76.5 × 2.5 cm) Image (a-c each): 19 9/16 × 29 1/2 in. (49.7 × 74.9 cm) Frame (d): 10 9/16 × 59 13/16 × 1 1/16 in. (26.8 × 151.9 × 2.7 cm) Sheet (d): 7 1/2 × 58 3/4 in. (19.1 × 149.2 cm)

Credit Line

Des Moines Art Center Permanent Collections; Gift of Dennis Oppenheim, 1996.27.a-.d

Description

Tooth and Nail is an attempt to blend characteristics of the tooth and nail together, and bring out their similarities. The act of applying nail polish to teeth can be associated to the traditional sculptural act of welding or fusion of two similar members (from Dennis Oppenheim)