

Basic Detail Report



Spoon

Date

c. 1870

Primary Maker

Haida

Medium

Horn, copper

Description

Northwest Coast natives made feasting an art form with the use of elaborately carved spoons and dishes that helped to celebrate important occasions. The Tlingit and the Haida were especially well-known for their intricately carved spoons from mountain sheep and goat horn. The handles became small three-dimensional carvings with fully modeled crest images of bears, frogs, and other mythological beings. Carvers manipulated the tough horn through boiling or steaming, thinning it out and carving the desired imagery.

Dimensions

Overall: 8 3/4 × 2 1/2 × 2 1/4 in. (22.2 × 6.4 × 5.7 cm)