



Ladle

Date

1820-1860

Primary Maker

Wishxam or Wasco

Medium

Spruce

Description

A humanlike figure and an animal overlook the bowl of this ladle. The human figure's exposed ribs symbolize a guardian spirit or shaman. Minute traces of ochre were found on these figures. Ochre's spiritual associations suggest the ladle's ritual use in feasts honoring the harvest of the first roots of the season.

Dimensions

Overall: 4 × 5 × 7 1/4 in. (10.2 × 12.7 × 18.4 cm)