

Basic Detail Report



Rattle

Date

1840-1860

Primary Maker

Coast Tsimshian

Medium

Maple, paint, leather, sinew

Description

The raven rattle is one of the major archetypes of Northwest Coast cultures, a master's study in carving and spiritual symbolism. The Raven imagery of these rattles is of great potency, both graphically and symbolically. Raven is the creator-spirit who gained the privilege of playing with the box that held the sun, moon, and stars. These he released to humankind and the world was given light for the first time.

Dimensions

Overall: 4 × 4 × 12 7/8 in. (10.2 × 10.2 × 32.7 cm)