

Basic Detail Report



Knife

Date
1880-1910

Primary Maker
Central Yup'ik

Medium
Walrus ivory, pigment

Description

Young girls animate stories and myths with a storyknife, a gracefully balanced tool used for sketching. They illustrate their tales by carving lines and figures in the sand or mud. Characters are drawn and erased as the story proceeds. It is a favorite activity among girls. and is a medium for passing down traditions and moral principles from generation to generation. Kitchen knives are used for storytelling today.

Dimensions

Overall: 1 1/2 × 1/4 × 12 3/4 in. (3.8 × 0.6 × 32.4 cm)