Basic Detail Report



Goggles

Date

c. 1900

Primary Maker

Inupiat

Medium

Wood, twine

Description

Slit-eyed goggles were essential in the Arctic to prevent blindness caused by the reflective glare of snow and water. Functioning on the same principle as a pinhole camera, goggles also improved distance vision by focusing light through thin slits. Their angular shape and flat unadorned surface give them a stark, mask-like appearance.

Dimensions

Overall: $1 \frac{1}{4} \times 1 \times 5 \frac{1}{4}$ in. $(3.2 \times 2.5 \times 13.3 \text{ cm})$