



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 1/4 × 1 × 5 1/4 in. (3.2 × 2.5 × 13.3 cm)