Basic Detail Report



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War Helmet

Date

c. 1750-1800

Primary Maker

Tlingit

Medium

Wood (probably spruce), copper, opercula, human hair, twine, paint, leather

Description

This carved helmet is a classic of the war helmet tradition, masterfully incorporating a red-breasted merganser bird into the helmet's functional design. The pegged-in human hair extends and exaggerates the bird's crest, lending a sense of animation to the helmet. War helmets are unique to Tlingit traditional culture. The imagery on each helmet

Dimensions

Overall: $11 \frac{1}{2} \times 10 \frac{1}{2} \times 11 \frac{1}{4}$ in. $(29.2 \times 26.7 \times 28.6 \text{ cm})$