

Basic Detail Report



Rattle

Date

1800-1830

Primary Maker

Haida

Medium

Alder or birch, cotton cloth, copper nail, paint, pebbles

Description

Rattles were central to shamanic healing. Their rhythmic sound focused the mind and helped summon the assistance of supernaturals. Rounded rattles likely represent the human skull, the source of spiritual expression, dreams and visions. The amphibian on this rattle may symbolize transformation since tadpoles transform into frogs.

Dimensions

Overall: 10 1/4 × 5 × 4 3/4 in. (26 × 12.7 × 12.1 cm)