

Basic Detail Report



Rattle

Date

1820-1860

Primary Maker

Tlingit

Medium

Copper, ivory, cordage, stones

Description

Perhaps the result of a particular shaman's vision this copper and ivory rattle is the only one of its kind. The form of the oystercatcher rattle has been imitated by a copper body with a carved ivory amulet forming the head and beak shape. The ivory amulet was probably once part of a full necklace used by a shaman, indicating that it has been adapted from a previous use to complete the rattle.

Dimensions

Overall: 4 1/2 x 9 1/2 in. (11.4 x 24.1 cm)