



Dagger

Date

c. 1880

Primary Maker

Possibly Haida

Medium

Wood, abalone shell, hide, steel

Description

Northwest Coast daggers were at one time ubiquitous weapons and were said to be carried by nearly every male. Like the stratified Northwest Coast society itself, objects such as knives and daggers also occupied varying levels of recognition and status. The most elevated status was that of the clan heirloom object.

Dimensions

Overall: 1 7/8 × 17 in. (4.8 × 43.2 cm)