



Water Pot

Date
not dated

Primary Maker
Makonde people

Medium
pottery

Description
This was built of coils, dried, painted with a mica-rich wash to give it a speckled grey look, then burnished and

incised. Kaolin (white clay) was rubbed into the incisions. The same word, nkova, is used for linear patterns on pottery and for tattooing. Such pots are treasured possessions used for a lifetime and eventually placed over a woman's grave.

Dimensions
Overall: 16 x 18 1/2 in. (40.6 x 47 cm)