



Ceremonial Mask Cover

Date

not dated

Primary Maker

Guro people

Medium

cloth, gri-gri's, claws, horns, shells and metal

Description

The basic object here is a typical West African "mitre" style hat worn by men from Sierra Leone and Liberia through Mali and the Ivory Coast to as far eastward as Nigeria and Chad. The addition of charms transforms the hat into a ritual accessory used to cover and protect a mask when it is not being worn. Square, leather-covered packets know as gri-gri's are common West African Islamic charms.

Dimensions

Overall: 20 x 8 x 3 1/2 in. (50.8 x 20.3 x 8.9 cm)