

Basic Detail Report



Chair (Gba)

Date

ca. 1925

Primary Maker

N'Gere people

Medium

wood, copper alloy and cowrie shell

Description

The back, made from a naturally curving branch, is an addition, made after European contact, to the typical African low stool. Stools are closely associated with their owners and not to be used by anyone else. They are taken along when visiting and often passed down from one generation to the next. A young girl borrows her grandfather's chair to use in her circumcision camp. She doesn't sit, but kneels on it and also uses it as a rhythm pounder. These chairs are so low because at night they serve as a headrest.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 7/8 x 10 1/2 x 10 1/4 in. (30.2 x 26.7 x 26 cm)