

Basic Detail Report



Fiddle and Bow

Date

collected between 1960-1973

Primary Maker

Hausa people

Medium

gourd, wood, snakeskin, hair, cotton, iron, resin and cowrie shell

Description

There is a close association between bards (griots) and leatherworkers in West Africa, especially in the Mande speaking area where they may be the same person, traveling from one location to the next, working for clients without regard to ethnic affiliation. Bards are also linked by tradition with blacksmiths who forge iron objects such as this bow.

Dimensions

Overall (Fiddle): 17 5/8 × 7 × 3 7/8 in. (44.8 × 17.8 × 9.8 cm) Overall (Bow): 14 5/8 × 7/8 × 1 1/8 in. (37.1 × 2.2 × 2.9 cm)