



Face Mask

Date

ca. 1970

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

wood and pigment

Description

This face mask with eyeglasses may be a depiction of a white man, as determined by the eyeglasses, mustache, hairline, and red face paint. Africans also wore eyeglasses as a prestigious accessory and status symbol. In some instances eyeglasses were regarded as a substitute for the white paint worn around the eyes as spiritual protection during sacred rituals.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 1/8 x 7 1/4 x 3 3/8 in. (28.3 x 18.4 x 8.6 cm)