

## Dance Paddle

**Date**

probably 1st half of the 20th century

**Primary Maker**

Artist Unknown

**Medium**

wood and paint

**Description**

Dance paddles from the northern Solomon Islands feature painted, low relief designs called kokorra: squatting figures with delicate limbs and body, and large head with round, staring eyes and elongated earlobes. They wear a headdress similar to those worn by initiates in the Bonito Cult who impersonate the urar, spirits of deceased clan members.

**Dimensions**

Overall: 58 3/4 x 6 1/4 x 1 5/8 in. (149.2 x 15.9 x 4.1 cm)



