



Protective Figure (Bocio)

Date

20th century

Primary Maker

Fon people

Medium

wood, gourd, cotton, iron, fruit pits, cowrie shells and encrustation

Description

Bocio are prescribed as protective images for individuals and their families. Only the person who made it knows the materials that empower it. The wooden figure is simply the armature on which the magical ingredients are placed.

Dimensions

Overall: 26 1/2 x 10 1/8 x 8 1/2 in. (67.3 x 25.7 x 21.6 cm)