



Female Figure (Akua'ba)

Date

20th century

Primary Maker

Asante people

Medium

wood and stain

Description

Fertility figure in the form of a female child. Girls or women who wish to conceive a child carry and care for an akua'ba made especially for them. The Asante are matrilineal and mothers hope their first child will be a girl so most akua'ba are female.

Dimensions

Overall: 12 3/8 x 4 3/4 x 2 1/8 in. (31.4 x 12.1 x 5.4 cm)