

# Basic Detail Report

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## Coyote Head

### Date

ca. 1350-1521

### Primary Maker

Aztec

### Medium

rock crystal

### Description

The Aztec revered coyotes as powerful predators and these animals were the patrons of elite warrior orders. This coyote head is skillfully carved in rock crystal, a difficult mineral to sculpt. The snout, eyes, and mouth are elegantly formed, and the ears are represented by a graceful spiral, a feature that appears commonly in Aztec animal sculpture. This piece has several holes in the back suggesting that it was originally attached to a staff or costume.

### Dimensions

Overall: 2 1/2 x 2 x 4 5/8 in. (6.4 x 5.1 x 11.7 cm)