

Basic Detail Report



Hat

Date

1800-1850

Medium

Raffia

Description

Titleholder's hat. Worn by men who had been initiated into the mature elite of Kuba society. The domed cap was worn on the crown of the head and held in place by a pin. The decoration on these hats represented the wearer's social standing. Each time a titleholder gained more experience and authority, he would commission craftsmen to decorate his hat with beads, shells, metal ornaments, feathers and animal hair.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 160 x 120 mm