



Figurine

Date

1850 - 1906

Medium

Wood

Description

Small figure/model of a Japanese warrior with moving body parts and an inscribed design on his armour. The warrior's face has large protruding eyes and tongue. The armour is less elaborate than traditional depictions of Samurai warriors but somewhat similar. However the item also has similarities to a lighter version of armour called Lamellae, a series of small plates stiched together to make a flexible garment, worn over tunic and breeches underneath. This design was common across Japan, China and other parts of Central and Eastern Asia from the 5th century BC onwards. The figure is without the type of helmet which is usually part of what we think of as later

Samurai armour. but his head piece may be a top knot or head attachment.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 40 x 85 x 20 mm