

Finch & C^o



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HOLES TO THE TOP OF THE HEAD FOR ATTACHMENT TO LOOM

OLD SMOOTH DARK RICH CRUSTED PATINA

19TH CENTURY – EARLY 20TH CENTURY

SIZE: 15CM HIGH, 5.5CM WIDE, 6CM DEEP - 6 INS HIGH, 2 INS WIDE, 2¼ INS DEEP / 17.5CM HIGH - 7 INS HIGH (WITH BASE)

LITERATURE

THE GURO PEOPLE LIVE SURROUNDED BY FOREST AND SAVANNAH NEAR THE BAULE AND YAURE WHO LIVE TO THE WEST. THEY WERE ORIGINALLY CALLED KWENI, BUT THE INVADING FRENCH GAVE THEM THE BAULE NAME OF GURO DURING THEIR COLONISATION OF THE CÔTE D'IVOIRE BETWEEN 1906 AND 1912.

THE PULLEY FROM WHICH THE DOUBLE HEDDLES OF THE MEN'S HORIZONTAL WEAVING LOOM ARE SUSPENDED HAS PROVIDED THE LOCAL SCULPTOR'S WITH THE OPPORTUNITY OF CREATING THESE WORKS OF ART THAT DEPICT HUMAN HEADS OR FACES. CONTINUAL HANDLING AND USAGE BY THE TEXTILE WEAVER GIVES THE HEDDLE PULLEY ITS RICH PATINA