



Smallpox God

Date

1969

Primary Maker

Yoruba Artist

Medium

Wood, cowry shells, pigment, landsnail shell, monkey skull, seed pods, gourd, burlap, feathers, cotton, glass beads, iron

Description

Carved wood figure with various attachments: medicine bundles with feathers and other substances, cowrie strands on neck and head, monkey skull attached to front with cords, shells and seed pods and gourd bound to figure with cord, back covered with burlap; dots of blue and white pigment on figure; figure holds a club in each hand; has conical headdress, strand of red and green beads on back, iron chain with small conical bell attached

at end dangling at feet.

Dimensions

12 x 6 x 6 in. (30.5 x 15.2 x 15.2 cm)