

Basic Detail Report



Jar

Date

1100-300 BCE

Primary Maker

Chorrera

Medium

pottery and paint

Description

According to Funes Sanchez (1970:163) there is some evidence that Indians of Ecuador regard snakes as symbols of power, wisdom and fertility. The more

sophisticated Chorrera style integrated decorative forms into a total concept for each vessel. The serpent body coils around the jar, slyly referring to the coils of clay used by the potter to form the vessel. The fer-de-lance is a venomous snake related to the rattlesnake which is found in tropical America.

Dimensions

Overall: 6 5/8 x 7 1/2 in. (16.8 x 19.1 cm)