



Diviner's Basket (Ngombo Ya Cisuka) and Miniature Divination Figures (Tuphele)

Date

20th century

Primary Maker

Chokwe people

Medium

plant fiber, wood, copper alloy, iron, fur, gourd, bone, horn, glass beads, pottery, shell, nuts, stone, feathers and pigments

Description

The diviner, empowered by ancestors, shakes the basket and interprets the meaning of tuphele that come to rest facing his client.

Dimensions

Overall (Basket): 2 3/8 × 12 1/8 × 12 1/4 in. (6 × 30.8 × 31.1 cm)