



Squatting Hunchback

Date

ca. 300 BCE-300 CE

Primary Maker

Colima

Medium

pottery and slip paint

Description

This hand-modelled hunchback figurine is part of a major subgroup of Colima ceramics. Such figure types, which include dwarfs, were believed to have shamanic powers. According to early chroniclers, they were given special societal status with servants to care for them.

Dimensions

Overall: 4 1/4 x 2 7/8 x 3 5/8 in. (10.8 x 7.3 x 9.2 cm)