

Basic Detail Report



Mola

Date

ca. 1950

Primary Maker

Guna people

Medium

dyed cotton and thread

Description

The figures depicted in this mola are called paluwiduru in Guna. They are angels that appear in people’s dreams to tell them about the future. Guna people say that messengers are represented visually as birds since they do not know what angels look like. The bold colors match the strong lines of the mola and are particularly enticing. The thin straight lines change direction at 45 degree angles, and are among the most difficult designs to cut and sew. The use of this technique, coupled with a careful attention to detail, is an indicator of excellent craftsmanship.

Dimensions

Overall: 16 1/4 × 21 in. (41.3 × 53.3 cm)