



Protective Figure (Bocio)

Date

20th century

Primary Maker

Fon people

Medium

wood, cotton, iron, cowrie shells, plant fiber, accumulative material and encrustation

Description

Bocio are prescribed as protective images for individuals and their families. Only the person who made it knows the materials that empower it. The wooden figure is simply the armature on which the magical ingredients are placed. This small protective figure is for an individual.

Dimensions

Overall: 9 x 3 3/4 x 4 1/2 in. (22.9 x 9.5 x 11.4 cm)