



Chief's Hat (Mpu)

Date

Late 19th century

Medium

Raffia palm fiber

Description

Chief's Hat (Mpu); The hat has a tall cylindrical shape. It is composed of raffia palm fiber, knotted to create surface designs of an interweaving diamond lattice. Inside the larger diamond motifs there is a smaller diamond grid design. Both the crown and the rim are given a fine (crocheted?) stripe. Raised dots and stripes give texture to the overall design as well. Color: Natural medium tan (light brown) Technique: Knotting Note: This hat was formerly in the Hooper Collection (#1847A) and is published on page 400, of "Arts and Artifacts of the Pacific, Africa and the Americas- The James Hooper Collection", by Stephen Phelps Hutchison, London, 1976.

Dimensions

14 x 6 1/2 in. (35.56 x 16.51 cm)