

Basic Detail Report



by the diviner.

Dimensions

7/8 x 12 1/4 x 12 7/8"

Divination Board [Opon Ifa]

Date

mid 20th century

Primary Maker

Nigeria, Yoruba people

Medium

wood and chalk

Description

The diviner (babalawo) uses such a tray to communicate with Ifa, the principle of certainty, order, and fate. The tray is dusted with chalk and marks are made in the powder to record the number of palm nuts manipulated