

Basic Detail Report



Milk Jar

Date

not dated

Primary Maker

Hima people

Medium

wood, tin, cotton and plant fiber

Description

The pastoral peoples of Northern Kenya and Uganda are the only groups where women carve wood; elsewhere in Africa, men are the woodcarvers. Milk containers are washed and fumigated daily with smoke and ash from burnt grass. This practice sterilizes the jar and imparts a highly appreciated smoky flavor to the milk.

Dimensions

Overall: 8 3/8 x 7 x 6 3/4 in. (21.3 x 17.8 x 17.1 cm)