

Basic Detail Report



Jug

Date

not dated

Primary Maker

Chokwe people

Medium

pottery

Description

This is a water jar in the burnished blackware characteristic of the Chokwe and their Lunda and Lwena neighbors. Individuals of high status owned vessels with figurative decoration. The head on this jar is fairly simple and the hairstyle indicates that it is probably a woman, perhaps a reference to the ubiquitous female ancestor. Instead of a spout, the opening of the vessel is the mouth

of the face. The only other decoration on the vessel consists of incised herringbone and crosshatched bands around the widest part of the body.

Dimensions

Overall: 11 x 8 1/2 in. (27.9 x 21.6 cm)