



## Female Figure

### Date

3300-1500 BCE

### Primary Maker

Valdivia

### Medium

pottery and paint

### Description

The production of votive figures, some with one hand on chin and the other over the vulva, was characteristic of female images of many native American groups, such as the Iroquois - for whom it was a charm against witchcraft, or a gesture of modesty. Valdivian examples were also depicted with androgynous characteristics, pregnant, seated on benches, and always with very well-defined hairstyles which oft-times resembled a phallus.

### Dimensions

Overall: 2 3/8 x 5/8 x 5/8 in. (6 x 1.6 x 1.6 cm)