Basic Detail Report



Vessel

Date

1000-1600 CE

Medium

Ceramic and pigment

Description

This ceramic figural blackware jar was made by the Tairona people, a Pre-Columbian culture that resided in Colombia. The figure portrayed by this vessel displays interesting features, including: a tasseled headdress, a large labret (lower lip ornament), a large, flat nose ornament, and a disc-shaped chest ornament. The elaborate adornment suggests that the individual portrayed was one of status. This is supported by previous notes which described the vessel as a "Chieftain Jar".

Dimensions

7 3/4 in. (19.7 cm)