



Dance Axe

Date

20th Century

Medium

Wood, stone and rattan

Description

Stone axes are woven into the everyday fabric of the New Guinea Highlands where they are still used to work land and plant crops. This ceremonial axe is worn to signify the status of a man within his village and show the power of his position to other warring clans. Less ornate axes are used for warfare.

Dimensions

31 3/8 × 30 × 2 in. (79.7 × 76.2 × 5.1 cm)