



Board for Making Grass Skirts

Date

mid 20th Century

Primary Maker

Massim

Medium

Wood

Description

Such boards are used to make bundles of designed banana leafs, some of which are used to make grass skirts for women. The banana leaf is laid across the board and scraped; this process leaves the board's incised design in relief on the leaf which is then laid in the sun to dry.

Boards are carved by men for their female relatives. Used

in the Massim cultural area of the Trobriand Islands.

Dimensions

23 3/4 × 8 1/2 × 1 1/2 in. (60.3 × 21.6 × 3.8 cm)