



Adze

Date

early 20th Century

Primary Maker

Tlingit

Medium

Wood, steel, cotton, twine and resin

Description

The Tlingit used adzes to hollow out cedar trees to create canoes. Traditional carvers made use of stone adzes and fire to burn and hew out the center of a large spruce or cedar log. Canoes were constructed from the straight-grained wood of red cedar trees that had been blown over by the wind or felled by building a fire at the base. The log was hollowed out with hand tools and shaped by filling the cavity with water and dropping hot stones into it.

Dimensions

15 3/4 × 2 1/4 × 9 in. (40 × 5.7 × 22.9 cm)