

Basic Detail Report

Wine Cup (Linnak)

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Paiwan

Medium

Wood

**Description**

This ceremonial wine cup or linnak (literally twin cup) was used by the indigenous Paiwan people of southern Taiwan. The double cup was brought out on a number of occasions, always to cement the relationship between the two sharing a drink from a linnak's bowls. Perhaps the most common of these usages was sharing rice wine between newly wedded husbands and wives. Goods decorated with carvings were generally reserved for the wealthiest families. A disembodied head was a common figure in Paiwan carving. It could represent either an ancestor or reference the practice of headhunting carried out by the Paiwan up until the 19th Century.

Dimensions

2 × 28 × 4 1/2 in. (5.1 × 71.1 × 11.4 cm)