



Headrest

Date
20th Century

Primary Maker
Lotuko

Medium
Wood

Description

Headrests made using the natural shape of wood with branches protruding as legs were found throughout eastern Africa. This three-legged design was common amongst the Lotuko of South Sudan. Despite its spindly look, because it is made from one piece of wood it can support a considerable amount of weight. As with the other headrests of eastern Africa, this would have had a more functional importance of protecting one’s hair style rather than having a spiritual importance.

Dimensions

4 7/8 × 16 5/8 × 6 1/2 in. (12.4 × 42.2 × 16.5 cm)