

Basic Detail Report



Broom

Date
mid 20th Century

Medium
Coconut leaflets and twine

Description

This is a small handheld broom collected from the island country of Palau and dates back to the 20th century. In Palau, the most abundant and versatile tree is the coconut tree—which has applications in day to day tasks and cultural customs. Brooms are made by stripping the single leaf segments, also known as leaflets, from the midrib of an entire coconut leaf. The leaflets are then tethered in a bunch with a piece of twine. Dwellings and sacred buildings, such as a bai, are cleaned using these handheld brooms.

Dimensions
4 × 6 × 34 in. (10.2 × 15.2 × 86.4 cm)