

Basic Detail Report



Slit Drum

Date
mid 20th Century

Medium
Wood and cloth

Description
This is a small Palauan slit drum that features a carved handle that suggests this instrument was crafted for portable use. Slit drums are crafted by hollowing a tree trunk through a lateral slit and in some cases multiple slits are carved for a desired sound. In some cultures, slit drum are associated with ancestral properties and are often reserved only for ceremonial or ritual occasions.

Dimensions
14 1/4 × 3 1/4 in. (36.2 × 8.3 cm)