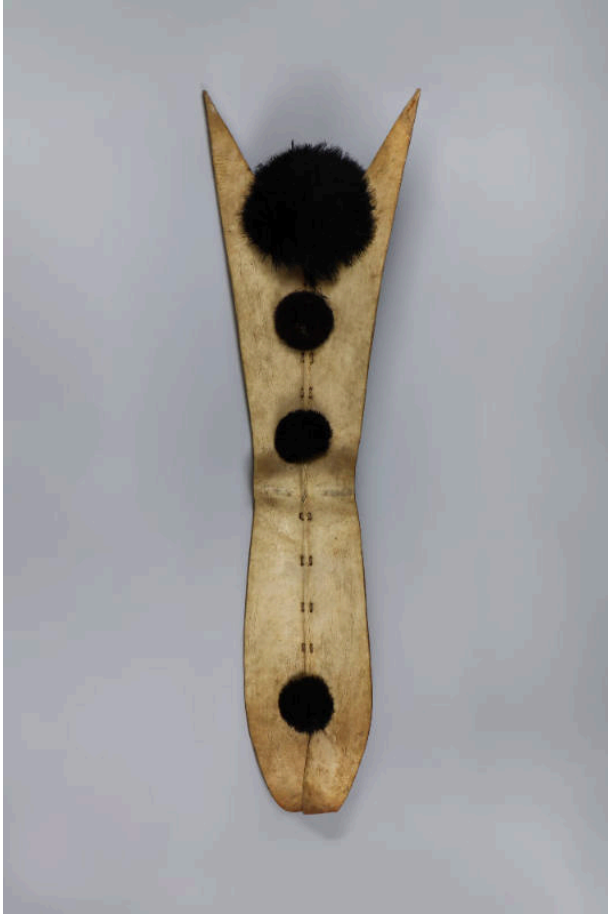


Basic Detail Report



Shield

Date

20th Century

Primary Maker

Lotuko

Medium

Bleached buffalo hide, wood, and ostrich feather

Description

This shield was made by the Otuho (or Lotuko) people of South Sudan. It is made of buffalo hide that has been bleached to a lighter color than its usual dark brown, but other Otuho shields have reportedly been made from giraffe hide, which naturally has a light tan shade. It is rare to find these shields with their ostrich feather pom poms still attached. This unique design element is also found on Otuho brass helmets topped with ostrich feather pom poms (see 2021.7.22 in our collection).

Dimensions

57 × 14 1/8 × 10 in. (144.8 × 35.9 × 25.4 cm)