

# Basic Detail Report

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## Necklace

### Date

19th Century

### Medium

Coconut, shell and fiber

### Description

This is a 19th century coconut shell necklace from the Chuuk Island chain located in the Eastern Caroline Islands. Photographs from the Chuuk Islands dating back to the 19th century show men wearing multiple strings of these necklaces. The necklaces could be found on multiple island chains throughout Micronesia including Palau and

the Marshall Islands as well. Necklaces made of small coconut shell rings were once worn by men as prestige objects in Micronesia's Caroline and Marshall Islands. The individual rings were made by cleaning and shaping coconut shells into discs and then perforating them with a pump or bow drill. An intricate coconut fiber binding gives the necklace its circular shape.

### Dimensions

11 × 10 1/4 × 1 in. (27.9 × 26 × 2.5 cm)