



ASHANTI ACUA'BA FERTILITY DOLL

\$1,480

c. 1950 • Ghana • Bead, Wood • Collection #CAA0677

W: 8.0" D: 3.0" H: 19.25"

Disc-headed Acua'ba figures such as this one served an important role in Ashanti society. They began as a promise for a beautiful child, and in the event that the child disappeared, the figure would be offered to the responsible malevolent spirit in exchange for the child's safe return. Nearly two-dimensional, and exhibiting personal flair specific to the original owner, this Acua'ba is unique in our collection. The figure is bordered with hand-formed ridges and etched with intricate patterns, and diminutive facial features convey the incredible soul of this sculptural object.



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