

African Oromo Ethiopian head rest

£225



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Height: 16 cm (6.3")

Width: 16 cm (6.3")

Depth: 6 cm (2.4")

Diameter: 12 cm (4.7")

Description

A 19th century African Oromo Ethiopian carved wooden head rest.

Oromo Ethiopian headrests, known as 'muda', are traditional wooden objects used primarily by men to protect elaborate hairstyles during sleep. Often carved from a single piece of wood, they feature a flat or slightly curved top supported by one or two pillars, sometimes adorned with intricate geometric or symbolic designs.

Beyond their practical purpose, headrests carry cultural significance, reflecting social status, age, and craftsmanship. They are often handed down through generations, embodying a connection to ancestry. Some designs are personalised, incorporating motifs that signify identity or clan affiliation.

Oromo headrests blend functionality with artistic expression, preserving cultural heritage.