

# Minang building model

## Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: metalwork; model

Date of production: late 19th – early 20th century

Place of production: West Sumatra, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Techniques: brass, cast, engraved, openwork

Dimensions: height: 21.5 cm  
width: 8.5 cm  
depth: 9 cm

This building of three-tiered roof is part of the Minangkabau village model. The Minangkabau are a Malay ethnic group living in Sumatra; where inheritance is matrilineal and, unlike other ethnic groups, it is usually the future husband who moves into the bride's house. One of the features of their architecture is the roof peak or (in the case of larger houses) peaks, which in their form refer to the buffalo (horns), an indispensable accessory of Minang community life.

