

# Kris

## Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: religious or cult object; weapons and armament; metalwork; carving

Date of production: 18 – 19th century

Place of production: Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Technique s: steel, wood, bone, carved, forged

Dimensions: length: 46 cm  
width: 19 cm

A wavy-edged dagger, kris (Indonesian: keris) with a carved bone human-shaped hilt. The scabbard is made of wood, as is the boat-shaped hilt guard (Indonesian: wrangka kris ladrang), which suggests a Middle Javanese origin.

For the Indonesians, the kris is much more than a simple weapon, it is a spectacular and effective expression of Javanese spirituality, a bearer of spiritual power, a symbol of heroism and a status symbol.

