


# Male figure in traditional Javanese attire

## Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	53.216.1 
Type:	carving; textile arts
Date of production:	late 19th century
Place of production:	Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	carved, painted wood, batik textile
Dimensions:	height: 24 cm width: 16 cm

A cross-legged wooden figure dressed in a sarong and matching headdress made using waxed (batik) technique. On his belt is the generally wavy-edged dagger (Indonesian: kris), an indispensable part of Javanese costume, which is believed to have magical powers. This small-sized wooden doll with its attire gives an accurate picture of the multifaceted function of Javanese folk costume, which, as a ceremonial costume, is still a dominant identity-forming element in the life of the islanders.

