

Textile picture with wayang figure

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: textile arts

Date of production: first half of the 20th century

Place of production: Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia

Materials/Techniques: textile, dyed, embroidered

Dimensions: height: 125 cm
width: 70 cm

The painted hero figure of the wayang shadow plays appears in the center of the gold framed black background, faithfully following the tradition of wayang kulit character depictions. The painting depicts a positive character, but the design of the face, eyes and nose reveals his violent nature with demonic features. It is a vertical view with an inscription under the figure's feet.

