

Wayang klitik puppet

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.: 7148 

Type: **puppetry and shadow play; carving**

Date of production: **early 19th century**

Place of production: **Java, Indonesia, Southeast Asia**

Materials/Technique **wood, bamboo, hide, carved, painted**
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Dimensions: **height: 45 cm**

A flat wood carving of male figures with leather arms and a Javanese dagger (Indonesian: keris) embedded in the back of the belt.

The small, plastically formed East Javanese klitiks can be seen as a transition between the three-dimensional wayang golek wooden dolls and the flat shadow puppets (Indonesian: wayang kulit). Here too, the characters follow the visual tradition of wayang representations.

