

Fox (fairy) disguised as a nun or wandering monk

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.:	50.219.1 
Type:	wooden sculpture; object for daily use; netsuke; accessory
Artist/Maker:	Shūzan II
Date of production:	late 18th century Edo (Tokugawa) period
Place of production:	Osaka, Japan
Signed:	Shūzan (周山)
Materials:	wood
Techniques:	painted
Dimensions:	height: 5.8 cm width: 2.5 cm

Nara-ningyō doll. Japanese men kept their personal belongings in the belt of their kimono. These were fastened to the belt of the kimono: a suspension cord attached to the object ran under the textile sash with a counterweight knotted on the other end. A Kitsune is a shape-shifting fox spirit, most often choosing a female character as a disguise.

