

# 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: Shuzan 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.

