



## Kuba Wooden Neck Rest (early 20th Century) Dr Congo

350 EUR



Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood

Width : 18 cm

Height : 14 cm

### Description

Authentic Kuba Wooden Headrest Democratic Republic of Congo, Early 1900s Hand-carved hardwood with incised geometric motifs Dimensions: height 14 cm, width 18 cm

Description: A rare and finely carved Kuba wooden headrest, dating from the early 20th century, crafted by the Kuba people of south-central Democratic Republic of Congo.

This elegant object reflects the Kuba's renowned artistic tradition, characterized by its symmetrical design, refined geometry, and deep cultural symbolism. Carved from a single piece of dense tropical hardwood, the headrest features a gently curved upper platform, flanked by twin support columns and anchored by a solid base. The top surface is adorned with intricately incised cross-hatched and bordered motifs, echoing

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patterns found in Kuba textiles and royal regalia. More than a utilitarian object, this headrest was a marker of status and identity, typically reserved for noblemen, elders, or titled individuals within Kuba society. It served both as a practical sleep aid, protecting elaborate coiffures, and as a spiritual tool, linking the sleeper to ancestral realms through dreams. The rich patina, visible tool marks, and overall wear attest to its age and authentic use, making it a valuable piece for collectors of African art, ethnographic material culture, or early colonial-era artifacts.