Rabbit Slingshot (guatemala, Highland Region) 1950s



140 EUR

Period : 20th century
Condition : Bon état
Material : Solid wood
Width : 2,8 cm
Height : 14 cm

Description

Rabbit Slingshot (Guatemala, Highlands Region) Slingshot in the shape of a rabbit standing on its hindquarters, with a rounded belly and its front paws drawn up to its chest. Its attentive face and short muzzle are surmounted by two vertical posts forming the ears, each pierced for the passage and tensioning of the sling's straps. Hardwood, old honey and brown patina, signs of use. Guatemala, Highlands Region. Dimensions: 14 × 2.8 cm. Sold with a stand. * Shipping costs upon request. "This type of carved slingshot belongs to a folk art deeply imbued with ancient imagery: the rabbit is a familiar figure in Mesoamerica, associated with vitality, fertility, and natural cycles. In pre-Columbian traditions, it can refer to a lunar animal, linked to seasonal rhythms and ritual calendars, or to a symbolism

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of rebirth and abundance. Here, the upright, watchful posture and the rounded shape of the body give the object an almost narrative presence, as if the small animal were protecting its territory--a subtle way of transforming an everyday tool into a small effigy laden with memory."