



Kuba Raffia Ceremonial Wrap Skirt (ntshak) -- Dr Congo, Early-mid 20th Century



2 800 EUR

Signature : Kuba

Period : 20th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Other

Length : 394 cm

Width : 64 cm

Description

A rare and unusually long ceremonial wrap skirt (Ntshak) in raffia appliqué, made by the Kuba people of the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire), early to mid-20th century. Composed of seven rectangular hand-woven raffia panels stitched together, the piece is decorated with appliquéd geometric and abstract motifs in the same tone as the ground cloth -- lozenges, crescents, arrow forms, and curvilinear shapes typical of Kuba decorative vocabulary. The technique combines hand-stitching with cut raffia appliqué, producing subtle relief and texture rather than relying on color contrast. These textiles were worn for dances and ceremonial occasions and served as markers of social rank and status within Kuba society. Dimensions: Length: 394 cm Width: 64

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