



Small stone quadruped

Not on display

Title/Description: Small stone quadruped

Object Type: Ornament

Materials: Stone

Measurements: h. 28 x w. 35 x d. 10 mm

Accession Number: 575b

Historic Period: Neolithic (c. 4500-3500 BC)

Production Place: Europe, Greece, Thessaly

Cultural Group: Neolithic

Credit Line: Donated by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1978

This small object is a pendant or amulet made of shiny green stone, with a very smoothed surface. It depicts a quadruped, perhaps a sheep. The tail and head are depicted clearly, and the legs divided by a groove. The hole is placed centrally for suspension.

The chronology is probably Neolithic, but without good contextual associations this is unclear.

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Further Reading

Tomkins, P., 'Neolithic antecedents', in *The Oxford Handbook of the Bronze Age Aegean*, ed. E. Cline (Oxford University Press, 2012), 31-50.
