



## Small stone quadruped

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**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

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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.

Michael Boyd, April 2022

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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.

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