



## Lower half of a female figurine

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**Not on display**

**Title/Description:** Lower half of a female figurine

**Object Type:** Figure

**Materials:** Stone

**Technique:** Carving, Incising

**Measurements:** h. 38 x w. 27 x d. 20 mm

**Accession Number:** 575d

**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 represents the lower half of a female figurine, probably made in the Neolithic period in Greece. The figurine has the characteristic 'corpulent' look of some Neolithic figurines.

It consists of part of the waist (where it is broken), pelvis, legs and feet. At the rear, the buttocks are prominent. On the front the pubic triangle is shown by grooves, and a deeper groove divides the legs. At the rear, the prominent buttocks end in a horizontal groove which continues round to the front where it perhaps indicates the knees. Grooves also indicate the ankles. The figurine is shown in a standing position.

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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