



Lower half of a female figurine

Not on display

Title/Description: Lower half of a female figurine

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

Credit Line: Donated by Robert and Lisa Sainsbury, 1978

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

Further Reading

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