



Figurine

On display**Title/Description:** Figurine**Born:** 1000 BC - 0400 BC**Object Type:** Figure**Materials:** Earthenware**Measurements:** h. 133 x w. 111 x d. 32 mm**Accession Number:** 985**Historic Period:** Jomon period (Final) (c. 1000-400 BC)**Production Place:** Asia, East Asia, eastern Honshu, Honshu, Japan

This distinctive type of figurine is referred to as *mimizuku* (owl) because of the distinctive circular eyes. It is solid, relatively flat, with a shallow cavity in the top of the head, prominent ear discs and triangular legs with cord-impressed patterns on both front and back. Two types of this *jōmon* pattern are clearly visible on the front. The back of the head is marked with concentric circles and crescent designs. There is a raised lump at the nape of the neck and three oblong panels beneath the chin. These panels, the hair (or head-dress), the back of the head and the five prominent discs all have traces of red pigment. Other examples have been found in Saitama Prefecture, north of Tokyo (see Kidder, 1965: pl. v, fig. 31). This example is reported by the vendor to have been found at Chbfu city, Chiba Prefecture, adjacent to Saitama.

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