



Banner

Artist/Maker

Unknown, Fon

Medium

Commercially woven cotton

Description

Vertical banner in black cloth with colorful hand cut and stitched appliques depicting the image of King Glele as a fearful man /mythical figure with antlers, harshly dispensing justice. At the the top of the banner two men with daggers in their hand holding between them a man they are about to execute. In the middle there is a large image of the king with antlers and sharp teeth holding an ax in his mouth, a sword with a curled end on one hand and a rifle in the other. He has crossed black and white straps around his neck, wrists, chest and waist with large five-point star hanging from this strap. Small knives are attached to his arms and legs. Below, another execution scene.

Dimensions

53 1/8 x 32 in.

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