



**Date:**

1840

---

**Identifier:**

T0177

---

**Description:**

Frontlets worn on the forehead, were an indication of rank. Few attain the mastery of design and execution evidenced here. Exact interpretation of such imagery is difficult, and can depend on the identifying totemic images of the family that owned it. The recurved beak image, for instance, may refer to a hawk or a thunderbird or a mythological raven. The reflective abalone that circles the face may refer to the sun, suggesting that the central creature might be the great mythological being Raven-at-the-Head-of-the-Nass, the owner of daylight.

---

**Physical dimensions:**

depth 3.5 in ; height 8.75 in ; width 8 in

---

**Format:**

Frontlet

---

**Coverage:**

Northern British Columbia

---

American Indian Art

[Add to selection](#)

---

**Source URL:** <http://collections.fenimoreartmuseum.org/node/3478#comment-0>