

Basic Detail Report



Title Forest Scene from Ramayana with Rama, Lakshmana, and Hanuman

Date c. 1930

Medium Cotton, pigments

Description This decorative batik textile depicts the style of wayang kulit (shadow puppetry), rendered in traditional colors of black, brown, and cream. It illustrates a scene from the Ramayana. Rama and his younger brother Lakshmana are traveling with Hanuman, chief of the vanara (forest-dwellers, typically monkeys). They encounter wildlife: peacocks, a lion, a bull, an elephant, a tiger, and naga (serpentine dragon form). The scene can represent a scene during the protagonists' quest to find the palace of Rahwana, the leader of the raksasas (demons).

Dimensions Overall: 41 1/16 × 76 in. (104.3 × 193cm)