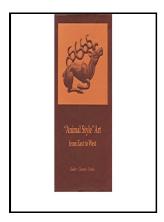
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The region's oldest known were made from shells and worn as personal ornaments 72,000 years ago. Necklaces from a cone around the neck and keep the focus on the face.

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First comes a distinctive tradition of Christian art, mostly for churches, in forms including,,,, and other metalwork such as crowns. There are a range of traditions in textiles, many with woven geometric decoration, although many types are also usually plain.

African art

Two hundred of the pieces were taken to the , while the rest were purchased by other museums in Europe. The Ga believe that an elaborate funeral will benefit the status of their loved ones in the after-life, so families often spare no expense when deciding which coffin they want for their relatives.

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Along with sub-Saharan Africa, the western cultural arts, paintings and artifacts, and indigenous southern crafts also contributed greatly to African art. The cross motif emerges from the decoration, with the whole design often forming a rotated square or circular shape, though the designs are highly varied and inventive. The masks are often polychrome, but on many the color is lost; after the ceremonies they were left on the ground and quickly deteriorated because of termites and other conditions.

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The art ranged from stone carvings of both massive statues and small statuettes, to wall art that depicted both history and mythology. Today, the or baLuba are an ethno-linguistic group indigenous to the south-central region of the. Despite this diversity, there are unifying artistic themes present, when considering the totality of the visual culture from the continent of Africa.

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Some colleges and universities hold collections of African art, for example in Washington, DC and in , Georgia.

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In , however, the main distinguishing characteristics include heart-shaped faces that are curved inward and display patterns of circles and dots. Myene art centers around Myene rituals for death.

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