PAGODA RED



BAMILEKE EARTH SPIDER STOOL

\$1,780

c. 1900 • Cameroon • Wood • Collection #CAA1223 H: 17.25" Dia: 23.0"

Carved from a single tree trunk, Bamileke lattice stools were used in Cameroon as symbolic seats in public ceremonies. The lattice webbing represents both the life cycle and the divine wisdom of the earth spider. A stool with broken lattice was immediately discarded, the broken life web seen as a terrible omen. As a stool or table, this spiritual object is a sculptural mix of gentle curves and an ordered grid punctuated with raised "buttons".