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## Guide to MS 7177 Book of tangrams or puzzle designs

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	National Anthropological Archives
<b>Title:</b>	MS 7177 Book of tangrams or puzzle designs
<b>Date:</b>	undated
<b>Identifier:</b>	NAA.MS7177
<b>Creator:</b>	McLane, Abby Knight (Collector)
<b>Extent:</b>	1 Volume (96 pages; woodblock prints on mulberry paper; 4.25 x 6.5 inches)
<b>Language:</b>	No linguistic content; Not applicable .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Image(s): Book of tangrams or puzzle designs</a> <a href="#">Image(s): MS 7177 Book of tangrams or puzzle designs</a>
<b>Container:</b>	Box 7177 / 7178, Item 1; Box 7177 / 7178, Item 1

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## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The item was donated to the Smithsonian in 1919 by Abby Knight McLane. It was transferred from the object collections of the Department of Anthropology to the National Anthropological Archives by Chang-su Houchins in June 1985.

### Citation

MS 7177 Book of tangrams or puzzle designs, National Anthropological Archives, Smithsonian Institution

### Restrictions

The collection is open for research.

Access to the collection requires an appointment.

### Conditions Governing Use

Contact the repository for terms of use.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of a book of tangram or *qiqiaoban* designs. A tangram is a dissection puzzle consisting of seven pieces shaped so that they form a square when their sides are properly joined together. They can also be joined together to form various shapes of geometric designs, animals, and other figures. This booklet shows possibilities for a certain set.

Please note that the contents of the collection and the language and terminology used reflect the context and culture of the time of its creation. As an historical document, its contents may be at odds with contemporary views and

terminology and considered offensive today. The information within this collection does not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution or National Anthropological Archives, but is available in its original form to facilitate research.

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## Local Numbers

NAA MS 7177

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

### Subjects:

- Chinese
- Games
- Tangrams

### Cultures:

- Chinese

### Types of Materials:

- Books
- Works of art

### Places:

- China
- East Asia