



Biombo masks come from the Democratic Republic of Congo in central Africa. They are made and used by people in the Biombo region in the south of the country. The masks are usually carved from wood and coloured with red dye from the camwood tree.

The eyes are a coffee bean shape. A triangular checkerboard design is used to decorate the eyebrows and the planes of the face.

The three forms at the back of the head represent the Biombo hairstyle. Feathers are often attached to the top of Biombo masks.

Biombo masks are usually worn during special celebrations and ceremonies.

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Biombo Territory Map

<http://www.artfactory.com/africanmasks/masks/biombo1a.htm>