

SHIELDS

The two types of shields used by the Bagobo are here shown. Both are employed to deflect the spears and arrows of the enemy, but they are carried in slightly different fashion. The long shield is held in the left hand, but the round one has a large raised section in the back, in which openings are cut. The arm slips through the near opening and the hand seizes the far grip, thus forcing the whole arm to bear the weight of the weapon.

Certain charmed roots and plants are often attached to the shields, in the belief that they will ward off danger.

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