

This month's sculpture from Hadrian's Villa is a head of a goddess made of [Pentelic marble](#). She is wearing a diadem in her wavy hair that are centrally parted and dressed in a chignon at the nape of her neck. It was found in a cryptoporticus near the [circular temple](#) dedicated to the Venus of Knidos.



*Bust of a diademed goddess, found at Hadrian's Villa, Hadrianic period*

*Palazzo Massimo alle Terme, Rome*

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The head of this female deity was made separately for insertion onto a larger than life-size body. The type is known from other copies of the Roman period deriving from a Greek, probably Attic, model in the [severe style](#) (470-460 BC).

This head is on display at the National Roman Museum – Palazzo Massimo alle Terme, Rome.

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