



Tea caddy

Date

19th century

Medium

Wood, lacquer, tin, and ivory

Description

Export ware decorated in flat gold and silver on black lacquer with a cartouche on the cover of a tea party in a pavilion garden, surrounded by six dragons chasing flaming pearls, and intricate landscape cartouches surrounded by scrolling foliage on all four sides. The interior is fitted with two tin batong tea containers and covers intricately engraved with scrolling foliage. Under the covers of each side of the interior are tight-fitting lids with ivory knob handles. The monogram "RC" is painted in gold on the interior of the black lacquer lid.

Dimensions

7 3/4 x 5 3/4 x 3 3/4 inches (19.7 x 14.6 x 9.5 cm)