

Basic Detail Report



Scroll box (fubako) with design of cranes

Date

18th century

Primary Maker

Unidentified artist

Medium

Wood, lacquer, and gold

Description

This long covered box (nagafubako) has a design of flying cranes, with two standing on the ground with two baby cranes amid grasses. Stylized patterns of clouds and waves done in gold dust or tiny gold squares adorn the black ground. The interior and bottom surfaces are an even, dense gold powder, a technique called "nashiji" (lit. "pear-skin ground"), with a small "mon" (Japanese clan symbol) next to an inscription in gold.

Dimensions

3 3/4 × 16 1/2 × 4 3/4 inches (9.5 × 41.9 × 12.1 cm)