

Basic Detail Report



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Date

18th-19th century

Medium

Gold and black lacquer with mother-of-pearl inlay

Description

Shape round; two compartments. Nashiji lacquer ground decorated, in low relief gold, with a coiling dragon with flames. Claws inlaid with bits of iridescent mother-of-pearl. On the reverse, an archaic or stylized ideograph inlaid in mother-of-pearl on a dark-brown ground, surrounded by a band of four low-relief gold chrysanthemums on nashiji ground. The narrow side is lacquered with a pattern of overlapping circles equal on all four sides, known as "shippo" (Seven Treasures) design. Interior, brilliant nashiji (pear-skin ground).

Dimensions

Diameter: 2 3/4 inches (7 cm)