



Ritual Skull Cap with cover ("Kapala")

Date

19th century

Medium

Human skull, copper, gold gilding, turquoise, coral, bronze

Description

Skull lined in copper, metal band at edge set in stones. Lid with wheel, gate, fish and floral motifs. Handle has four curved prongs meeting in center.

Dimensions

8 11/16 × 6 1/2 × 6 11/16 in. (22 × 16.5 × 17 cm) Other

(Top piece (A)): 4 1/16 × 5 11/16 × 6 3/8 in. (10.3 × 14.5 × 16.2 cm) Other (Middle piece (B) (skull)): 2 15/16 × 5 1/4 × 6 1/2 in. (7.5 × 13.3 × 16.5 cm) Other (Triangle Base (C)): 3 9/16 × 5 7/8 × 6 3/8 in. (9 × 15 × 16.2 cm)