

Basic Detail Report



Zenaq

Date

c. 1900

Primary Maker

Artist not recorded

Medium

Silver, glass beads, glass stones

Description

With 20 Arabic coins and Christian medal, and 4 glass jewels; Four glass beads as centers to floral rondels-with granules and fine rope decorations. The pendant has a

central flower and from each cardinal point three leaves. Zenāq (ca. 1900) One of the most common styles of chin chains, the zenaq was used throughout Central Palestine to keep the various hats-ṣmādeh, wuqā, or shaṭweh-firmly on the head. This zenaq consists of a series of metal chains made up of two rows of links, which are in turn attached to three more chains by rosettes and glass beads. The five resulting chains are gathered into a silver loop from which a pendant hangs. The number five may be due to the power of this number against the Evil Eye. Many silver coins are attached to the outer chains. Length: 36.5 cm. (Palestinian Costume and Jewelry, Yedida Kalfon Stillman, 1979 ISBN: 0-82630490-7)

Dimensions

14 × 6 1/2 in. (35.5 × 16.5 cm)