



Ostrich Egg

Date

ca. 1950s

Medium

Ostrich egg, glass beads, metal

Description

Ostrich egg with hole at top, Glass beads, strung on wires, red and blue strands form basket or hanger, with pair of strands of larger, tubular black and yellow beads. Rusted tin discs form tassels, bottom and around middle. In file, a note by the donor indicates it is a "house-post fetish; [many] Maasai people of Tanganyika have one egg more or less decorated like this hanging in front of their huts."

Dimensions

overall: 18 CM L X 14 CM W