



Tobacco Box

Date

1850-1900

Primary Maker

Artist Unknown

Medium

silver and lacquer

Description

Each side of this six-sided box bears an auspicious character that reads in succession: Duo [lots of], Li [strength or vitality], Shou [longevity], Fu [wealth], Kang [good], Ning [health]. Iron boxes of this type are characteristically recorded to be tobacco boxes; however, this example appears to have been used as a seal box.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 x 3 5/8 in. (5.1 x 9.2 cm)