

Basic Detail Report



Mirror

Date

ca. 600-900

Primary Maker

Maya (archaeological culture)

Medium

slate and pyrite

Description

Maya craftsmen were able to polish small mosaic pieces of pyrite to a high sheen and by piecing them together, create a reflective mirror. Mirrors were part of many ceremonies and may have been a tool for royal members

of society to communicate with their ancestors. Worn as a pendant over the chest of a ruler, most of the pyrite is still adhered to the slate backing of this large mirror.

Dimensions

Overall: 3/8 x 4 5/8 in. (1 x 11.7 cm)