

Basic Detail Report



Shoe

Date

1700-1902

Medium

Silk, leather

Description

Chinese foot-bound shoe, with an orange silk background and a black linen ankle guard. There is a red and silver chequered galloon around the top edge. It is decorated with gold metal embroidery with raised green and cream

floral motifs and spangles around the toe. It has green, pink and white (discoloured) fabric wrapped around the heel. The almond colour symbolises a fortuitous date in the Chinese calendar. When a lady married she would be expected to have made 4 pairs of shoes at minimum, an almond pair were to be one of these.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 100 x 40 x 130 mm