



Tattooing Equipment

Date

1775-1850

Medium

Wood, coconut fibre, shell

Description

Vessel for storing tattooing instruments. Wood decorated with finely netted cord and pearl shell pieces. The lid is missing. The bottom of the vessel is open, perhaps serving as a strainer for the candlenut soot pigment used in the tattooing process. Said to be from the Friendly Islands and purchased in 1850. Polynesia.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 180 x 125 mm