

Basic Detail Report



Bleeding-Cup

Date

1849

Medium

Pewter

Description

Bleeding cup. Round basin decorated with incised lines around the inside of the basin with an oval stamp of a

camel and the name "maw". Horizontal openwork handle with symmetrical design and central ribbed leaf motif. Blood letting used to be a common form of treatment for various illnesses. A cut would be made into the patient and the blood allowed to pour into a bowl such as this one. This particular basin can hold up to 1 pint of blood. Bleeding bowls were also made of ceramic, mainly delftware. This one was found in the Thames in 1849.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 45 x 130 mm