

# Basic Detail Report

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## Kohl-Jar

### Date

1550-1086 BC

### Medium

Alabaster

### Description

This small jar would have contained the cosmetic Kohl, a black mixture used under the eyes to prevent the glare of the sun reflecting off the skin. Traces of Kohl remain at the bottom. Made of aragonite according to the Cuming's original catalogue entry. From the sale of the Surrey Museum, July 1836. The Surrey Museum was a privately owned museum, located in Walworth near to where Richard Cuming lived. This museum was connected with the nearby Surrey Zoological Gardens. Richard Cuming's

sale receipt shows he bought Egyptian, Etruscan and Greek objects. The Egyptian objects were associated with both Giovanni Belzoni, Giovanni D'Athanasia and Henry Salt, all very important early collectors and importers of Egyptian antiquities.

### Dimensions

Object/Work: 76 x 152 x 50 mm