

Basic Detail Report



Decorated Egg

Date

1800-1900

Medium

Egg shell, dye, silk cord

Description

Easter egg. It has been dyed pink and painted in gold with emblems of Christ and Astarte, hung from green thread. A green tassel hangs from the base. Astarte was the Phoenician goddess of fertility, motherhood and war, and sometimes regarded as the prototype of the Virgin Mary.

The Mystic Egg of Astarte is regarded as the symbol of Christ's resurrection in the Roman Catholic Church.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 170 x 50 mm