Basic Detail Report



Hair-Pin

Date

1850-1900

Medium

Bone, glass

Description

Lady's hair pin consisting of 2 long, slightly curved prongs. It is decorated at the top with green and red glass beads and a spoon-shaped ear-cleaner. Possibly made from the bone of a bird leg. In the 19th Century China banned ornamentation in the form of costume accessories. However, Chinese ladies were allowed to wear ornamented hairpins because they claimed they were functional: hairpins were also used as ear cleaners, an important social practice in 19th Century China.

Dimensions

Object/Work: 205 x 10 mm