



## Snuff-Box

### Date

1727-1760

### Medium

Tortoiseshell, gilt, lacquer, silver pique

### Description

Oval snuff box. It is made of black to orange-brown tortoiseshell, edged with gilt detail and inlaid with darkened Silver Pique work on the lid in floral motifs.

Snuff boxes were used for holding snuff, a scented

powdered tobacco, in the 17th and 18th centuries. It was inhaled through the nose and was thought to have medicinal properties. The making of snuff boxes was a lucrative business. They could range in design from very simple to extremely ornate. Britain.

### Dimensions

Object/Work: 40 x 65 x 45 mm