

Basic Detail Report



Title Gold and Gem-Inset Pale Green Jade Cup with Flowering Vine Motifs

Date 20th century

Medium Jade, gold, gemstones

Description This jade bowl is carved from white nephrite jade and inset with gemstones in the shape of blossoming plants connected by swirling stems of thin gold wire. The gems are set using the kundan technique, in which strips of pure gold are applied around the stones to create the mount. Jade was a prized material in Mughal India. Nephrite jade, which ranges in color from dark green to pure white, was imported from Khotan in Central Asia. While the Mughal's ancestors, the Timurids, preferred dark, opaque jade, later Mughal rulers favored white nephrite.

Dimensions Overall: 2 7/8 x 4 1/8 in. (7.3 x 10.5cm)