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Carved Wooden Panel with Central 12-Pointed Star Medallion

15th century

Timurid

Wood

Overall: 68 x 44 in. (172.7 x 111.8cm)

This intricate mosaic panel was carved in Iran in the 1400s during the rule of the Timurid dynasty (1370–1507 CE). The symmetrical, geometric pattern consists of a central 12-pointed star and radiating polygons of different shapes and sizes. The larger shapes are carved with scrolling arabesques, while the smaller shapes remain unadorned. The technique used to create mosaic panels, called *gereh-sāzī*, was employed to embellish ceilings and minbars (pulpits) in mosques, palaces, and private residences. The geometric motifs found in woodworking appear in other arts, such as tile making, plasterwork, and stone masonry.