

Object Summary



Enameled Gold Peacock-Shaped Boat

19th - 20th century

India (Jaipur)

British India/Princely States

Enameled gold

Overall: 2 5/8 x 4 3/16 x 1 in. (6.7 x 10.6 x 2.5cm)

This miniature enamelled-gold boat is a much smaller, 19th-20th century replica of the writing case in the shape of an Indian boat which was presented to Edward VII when he visited India as the Prince of Wales. That "original" writing case, which still remains in the Royal Collection Trust, represents the mastery of Jaipur enamel techniques. The miniature versions of the writing case that circulate in collections and at auction do not serve the same utilitarian function. However, Jaipur enamellers still

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chose to incorporate a lockable compartment beneath the canopy at this boat's center.