

Object Summary



Pair of Gem-Set Enamelled Gold Bracelets with Adorsed Birds and Enamelled (Kundun) Floral Ornamentation on Interior

20th century

India (Jaipur)

British India/Princely States

Enameled gold, rubies, white zircons

Overall: 3 1/8 in. (7.9cm)

These bangles, called kada, are inset with diamonds and white zircons and enameled in delicate designs. Their terminals are playfully decorated with two opposed, ruby-winged birds. Zoomorphic forms — especially birds — are common motifs in Mughal jewelry design. Rows of ruby rosettes surrounded by white zircons line the blue enameled outer face of the bangles. The inner faces are enameled with red flowers on a white

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ground. This design is associated with Jaipur, which was known as the center of enameling in India in the 1700s and the 1800s.