

Object Summary



Polychrome Bowl with Leaping Hares and Seated Cheetahs

16th century

Turkey (Iznik)

Ottoman

Stonepaste, underglaze-painted over a slip coating

Overall: 2 5/8 x 12 1/2 in. (6.7 x 31.8cm)

This dish is playfully decorated with a lively scene of seated cheetahs and bounding hares on a bright, turquoise ground. The dish represents a type

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of pottery known as Iznik ware that originated in the town of Iznik in present-day Turkey. These wares were produced between the 1480s and about 1700. While floral motifs dominate the decorative schemes Iznik ware, a wider range of motifs — including animals, ships, architectural motifs, mythical creatures, and even humans — appeared towards the end 1500s