

# Object Summary



## Polychrome Ceramic Dish with Confronted Peacocks

16th - 17th century

Turkey (Iznik)

Ottoman

Stonepaste, underglaze-painted over a slip coating

Overall: 2 1/4 x 11 1/8 in. (5.7 x 28.2cm)

This Iznik ware dish is decorated with a design featuring two confronted peacocks against a bright, turquoise ground. The birds rest on a central

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flower-filled vase flanked on either side by flowering stems. The rim of the plate is embellished by a rock-and-wave pattern, a Chinese-inspired motif that frequently features in Iznik pottery. While designs incorporating flowering plants dominated Iznik designs, animal imagery also appeared in the late 1500s, possibly originating from animal motifs found on metalwork from the Balkans from the 1300s and 1400s.