

Object Summary



Polychrome Ceramic Dish with Central "Fish Scale" Arabesque

16th century

Turkey (Iznik)

Ottoman

Stonepaste, polychrome pigments

Diameter: 10 1/2 in. (26.7cm)

In the late fifteenth century, Iznik potters developed a distinct ceramic tradition known as Iznik ware, in which a stonepaste vessel was coated in a slip (thinned siliceous clay), painted in colorful glazes and additional slips, and covered with a transparent glaze. The entire surface of this

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Iznik vessel is covered in a fish-scale pattern, a design popular in the late 1500s. The rim features a wave and rock pattern inspired by Chinese models.