

# Object Summary



## Gilded and Illuminated Qur'an Manuscript

Dated AH 1270 (1853-1854 CE)

Turkey

Ottoman

Ink, gold, and opaque watercolor on paper, leather binding

Overall: 6 7/8 x 5 x 1 1/2 in. (17.5 x 12.7 x 3.8cm)

This Qur'an was created during the rule of the Ottoman dynasty, penned in 1853-4 CE. Ottoman Qur'ans were lavishly illuminated, embellished with glittering gold leaf. They were typically decorated with scrolling floral designs over gold or gold-and-blue grounds. This Qur'an is inscribed with a form of calligraphy called naskh. Naskh is one of the oldest styles of

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Arabic calligraphy, characterized by its small size and neat, fluid letters.

The style was refined by prominent Ottoman calligrapher, Shaykh

Hamdullah (1429-1520 CE) in the 1400s.