

# Object Summary



## **Pair of Enamelled and Gem-Inset Gold Bangles (Kada) with Floral Motifs and Enamelled Floral Ornamentation on Interior**

17th - 18th century

India

Mughal

Enameled gold, pearls, diamonds

Overall: 3 in. (7.6cm)

These bangles are decorated in red enamel, inlaid with a floral chain of inset diamonds. The outer edges of the bangles are lined with pearls. On the reverse are polychrome enamel designs, with red flowers and green leaves on a white ground. Traditional Indian jewelry incorporates an array of precious materials. The Indian subcontinent was rich with natural deposits of gemstones. Diamonds were mined in the Golconda region of

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