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Diamond, Pearl, and Sapphie Necklace with Quatrefoil Motifs and Enamelled (Kundun) Floral Ornamentation on Reverse

19th century

India (Jaipur)

British India/Princely States

Enameled gold, diamonds, sapphire beads, pearls, seed pearls, blue glass beads, silk cord

Overall: 6 $1/2 \times 8 \cdot 1/2$ in. (16.5 x 21.6cm) Other (length of cord, each side): 11 1/2 in. (29.2cm)

This necklace is strung with enameled beads inlaid with uncut diamonds and fringed with round sapphire beads and seed pearls. Sapphires are rarely used on their own in traditional Indian jewelry. Associated with shani, or Saturn, the stone was believed to hold unwieldy power.