

Traditional New Year picture - Rat's wedding (Vietnamese: Đám cưới chuột)

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: print; woodblock print

Date of production: between 1950 and 1960

Place of production: Bắc Ninh province, Đông Hồ village, Vietnam, Southeast Asia

Materials/Technique
s: paper, coloured woodblock print

Dimensions: height: 24. 5 cm
width: 34. 5 cm

This satirical woodcut, made in the Đông Hồ workshop in Vietnam, is based on one of the most popular themes, the Rat's Wedding. In front of the large cat, representing the ruling class, a series of rats place their gifts (as made clear by the inscription 'gratitude money'). The happiness of the little man (as the inscription on the banner "happy wedding" suggests) always depends on the goodwill of those above him.

