


Traditional New Year painting: Herd of Yin-Yang pigs (Vietnamese Đàn lợn âm dương)

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	86.30.6 
Type:	woodblock print
Date of production:	second half of the 20th century
Place of production:	Bắc Ninh province, Đông Hồ village, Vietnam, Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	paper, coloured woodblock print
Dimensions:	height: 26 cm width: 36 cm

The painting, made in the Đông Hồ workshop in Vietnam, shows a purple pig with five colourful piglets. The mother sow and her offspring all bear colourful yin-yang signs on their sides. The image is a wish for abundant harvest and happy life and prosperity, and is one of the most popular subjects of folk woodcuts for the Tết (Lunar New Year) celebration.

