

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

Southeast Asian Collection

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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/Technique
s: 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.

