

Aubergine

Japanese Collection

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Type: lacquers

Artist/Maker: Koyanagi Tanekuni

Date of production: 1983

Place of production: Japan

Signed: Base: 種口口 (Tanekuni)

Materials/Technique
s: wood, lacquer, mother-of-pearl inlay

Dimensions: width: 24 cm
length: 14.6 cm
depth: 12.3 cm

Hexagonal, lidded lacquer box. Decorated with motifs of aubergine plants growing flowers and fruits at the same time, on a gold ground with various finishes. The leaves are decorated with burnt black lacquer finishes, the flowers and fruits are inlaid with pieces of purple and blue-green pearl. The inside is lined with pink silk.

The aubergine is a symbol of good luck in Japan, an auspicious figure for New Year dreams: all its flowers bear fruit and are therefore a symbol of success and abundance.

Signed at the bottom: Tanekuni.

Wrapped in a cotton cloth marked with the artist's seal, stored in its own Paulownia box, tied with a textile cord.

Storage box also marked.



