

Aubergine

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.:	2019.10.1.1-2 
Type:	lacquers
Artist/Maker:	Koyanagi Tanekuni
Date of production:	1983
Place of production:	Japan
Signed:	Base: 種□□ (Tanekuni)
Materials/Techniques:	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.



