

Lacquer inkstone (suzuri) box

Japanese Collection

Accession Nr.:	3370.1-2 
Type:	object for daily use; lacquers
Date of production:	mid-19th century Edo (Tokugawa) period
Place of production:	Japan
Materials:	gold lacquer; lacquer; maki-e; wood
Dimensions:	height 14.1 cm width 14.1 cm depth 1.5 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

Fine accessories of writing – brushes, paper, ink, and ink grinding stone – reflected deep respect of literacy. Especially beautiful were the writing boxes (suzuribako) containing the dry cake of ink, the grinding stone, brushes, and water dropper. This item has the shape of a bugaku cap (tori-kabuto). It is decorated with a pattern of flowers and lucky symbols. Unsigned.



