

Button

Southeast Asian Collection

Accession Nr.:	5104 
Type:	bronze, lead, gold and silver; metalwork; accessory
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Thailand (Siam), Southeast Asia
Materials/Techniques:	silver, rock crystal
Dimensions:	height 2.2 cm diameter: 1.6 cm
Acquisition:	collection of Ferenc Hopp

Button from Siam. In the centre with a single large inlaid stone, and eight smaller pointed crystals in the shape of a flower are set around it.

The high quality of 19th-century Thai goldsmithing is described by many European travellers. Ornate outer garments with buttons made of precious metals and precious stones were part of the so-called Bangkok-era menswear.

