


Dowry chest (bandaji)

Korean Collection

Accession Nr.:	51.64.1 
Type:	furniture
Date of production:	Late 19th century Joseon Dynasty
Place of production:	Korea
Materials:	japanese Zelkova
Techniques:	brass fittings
Dimensions:	height: 99.5 cm depth: 45 cm length: 100 cm

bandaji, 반다지 (반달이) 'half closed chest'

The half-closing chest with a door opening downwards in the upper half (bandaji) was a popular furniture type in Korea. The upper part of the front panel of this four-legged chest of Japanese Zelkova wood can be opened downwards. The edges are decorated with fittings of bat and rhomboid motifs arranged in a row; in Korea, both motifs were popular symbols of good luck.

