

Dowry chest (bandaji)

Korean Collection

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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 (반닫이) '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.

