

Cup with guri ornaments

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	4990 
Type:	vessel; lacquers
Date of production:	15th century Ming dynasty
Place of production:	China
Materials:	lacquer; silver; wood
Techniques:	carved
Dimensions:	height: 4.2 cm diameter: 5.8 cm

Earliest pieces of Chinese carved lacquerware originate from the Song period. They are decorated with guri ornaments: the Japanese expression refers to objects with heart or geometric scroll motifs. Deep scroll motifs are carved with V-shaped edge in the thick lacquer. The creative carvings of guri lacquerware reflect the silverware of the era, which is why the inner surface of objects is often silver-plated.

