

# Mandala of Chakrasamvara yidam

## Mongolian Collection

Accession Nr.:	72.18.1 
Type:	painting; textile; thangka
Date of production:	19th century
Place of production:	Mongolia
Materials:	cotton canvas; silk
Dimensions:	image: height: 50.5 cm width: 37.5 cm frame: height: 95 cm width 55 cm

The mandala is a geometric system structure around a central point. It is also a sacred area, a palace surrounded by protective circle. In the center of this mandala has an eight-petal lotus in which the meditation deity Chakrasamvara who embraces his consort dwells. His retinue takes place on the petals of the lotus. Four diagonals divide the square palace into four parts. Each of the four parts has wall with triumphal arch gates in the middle. The area around the palace is like a park. A lotus circle, a vajra circle and the Five Mountain protect the composition.

