

Decorative garment plaque in the shape of two horses with crests on their heads

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: 3518 

Type: bronze, lead, gold and silver; metalwork; accessory

Date of production: 1st–3rd centuries AD
Han dynasty

Place of production: China

Materials: bronze

Dimensions: height: 4.4 cm
length: 6.1 cm

Depictions of horses appear in many forms in Northern China and the adjacent territories. In this garment plaque, a small foal has been depicted standing on the back of a larger horse. The heads of both animals are decorated with a crest, an unusual headpiece, and their manes are finely outlined.

