


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.

