

SA1141083

Silver Pique Faux Tortoiseshell Mother of Pearl Patch Box

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1141083****Date of manufacture: 1800**

Dimensions

Height = 2 cm (0.8")

Width = 6 cm (2.4")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Unmarked English / European silver box with pique faux tortoiseshell lid inlaid with engraved mother of pearl flowers and squares in a diaper pattern, circa 1790. Patch boxes contained beauty patches, little pieces of fabric that were stuck to the face to hide blemishes and scars caused by disease or act as a seductive beauty accessory. A near identical patch box is in the Pitt Rivers museum Oxford, Italy or Britain, c. 1750-1850 In very good sound condition, some slight raising of the silver pique. Diameter 2,3/8" or 60mm weight 40 grams
<https://web.prm.ox.ac.uk/bodyarts/index.php/temporary-body-arts/cosmetics/85-patch-box-italy-or-britain-c-17501850-.html>

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