

SA674166

18th Century French tortoiseshell oval piqué trinket box

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA674166****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 2.5 cm (1.0")

Width = 8 cm (3.1")

Depth = 5 cm (2.0")

Description

A late 18th Century French tortoiseshell oval trinket box with pique ware inlaid silver to the top surrounding a central medallion with an engraved eagle. The gilded hinged frame with ornate floral clasp. "Piqué-ware referred to a process in which small holes were made in the surface of the shell. The force of the hammer heated the shell allowing strips of gold, silver or mother of pearl to be inserted. Once the tortoiseshell cooled it closed around the inlay holding it fast."

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