

SA715009

Indian Aranmula Hand Mirror Kannadi Magical Metal Alloy Brass Witches

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA715009****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

Large, Indian metal alloy oval hand mirror in brass frame. An early example with restrained decoration to the frame. These extraordinary metal mirrors have great historical and cultural value and are thought to bring good luck. The reflection given is soft, slightly murky and mystical. If you are looking for a standard hand mirror reflection this is not for you. The metal mirror is cracked, still a magical object. Length 13,1/4" or 332mm, weight 666 grams

***** Aranmula kannadi, meaning the Aranmula mirror, is a handmade metal-alloy mirror, made in Aranmula, a small town in Pathanamthitta, Kerala, India. They are produced by one extended family in Aranmula. The exact metals used in the alloy are maintained as a Vishwakarma family secret. Metallurgists suggest that the alloy is a mix of copper and tin [Srinivasan 2008]. Unlike the normal "silvered" glass mirrors, it is a metal-alloy mirror or front surface reflection mirror, which eliminates secondary reflections and aberrations typical of back surface mirrors. It is polished for several days to achieve the mirror's reflective surface. In western culture a similar alloy was used for speculum mir...

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