

SA879540

A decorative Chinese hand
decorated copper and silver
plated handbag, circa 1910

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA879540

Date of manufacture: 1910

Dimensions

Height = 21 cm (8.3")

Width = 16 cm (6.3")

Depth = 6.5 cm (2.6")

Description

This remarkable Chinese work of art is made from copper and is in the form of a ladies' handbag. It is profusely decorated with flowers and foliage. This very intricately worked piece was made from flat sheet copper in sections ready to be soldered and assembled after the complicated decoration was completed. Each section was then finely decorated using a technique where the copper was raised with a hammer and punches to form the three dimensional flowers then hand pierced to give further definition then completely hand-engraved for the fine detail. This complicated piece would have taken many days to produce. It is finished in polished silver plate. The bag has a hinged top with a catch for access and a large engraved swing handle. This most unusual piece could have been originally intended for use as an evening bag or more likely a novelty box or container to be used on a dressing table or desk. Stamped on the underside with a two character Chinese makers mark. Either way, it is a beautiful object. It is in very good condition with only the faintest signs of wear to the silver plating. Height including the handle 21cm Width 16cm Depth 6.5cm £795

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