

SA950347

A rare Japanese Meiji period
papier Mache container in the
form of a puppy dog

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA950347

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 18 cm (7.1")

Width = 33 cm (13.0")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

This most unusual item is Japanese and dates to the late 19th century. It is a hollow container made from papier Mache and has a finish similar to tortoise shell with light and dark mottling. It is in the form of a playful young puppy ready to pounce it has a very pleasing happy expression with large eyes which have been hand painted together with its whiskers. It has skilfully been made with a hollow interior for the storage of possibly rice or some other household commodity. Access is at its tail which lifts off and forms the container's lid. The interior has a bright red lacquered finish. This rare and delicate item is in remarkably good condition. There are four or five small minor age related shrinkage cracks which appear to be only on the lacquered surfaces with no losses. A most interesting and appealing piece. Height 18cm x 33cm width x 15cm depth

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