

Basic Detail Report



Bowl and Game Pieces

Date

c. 1880

Primary Maker

Anishinaabe (Ojibwa)

Medium

Copper, maple, bone, pigments

Description

The Anishinaabe (Ojibwa) had many uses for finely carved bowls. Although most bowls were commonly used as food containers, some bowls were specifically used for gambling games. The high polish of the bowl's surface and its good condition suggests the value that it held for the family, likely being passed down from generation to generation. The bone playing pieces in the shape of bears, foxes, and discs were dyed red on one side and left white on the other.

Dimensions

Overall: 2 1/4 × 10 1/4 in. (5.7 × 26 cm)