

# Basic Detail Report

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## Bent-Corner Chest

### Date

1830-1860

### Primary Maker

Haida

### Medium

Yellow cedar, red cedar, black, red, blue paint, red turban snail opercula shells, eagle quills

### Description

Bent-corner chests were highly valued because they stored important personal and ceremonial objects that identified the family's rights, privileges, and power. The ambiguous design on this chest, however, is not associated with a specific clan or family crest. This allowed the chest to be traded or given away without ownership restrictions imposed by a distinct family crest. Chests were considered to be alive, as the spirits of the crests inhabited them, safeguarding the family's heritage.

### Dimensions

Overall: 18 × 18 × 31 in. (45.7 × 45.7 × 78.7 cm)