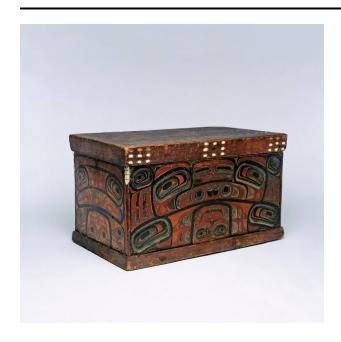
Basic Detail Report



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: $18 \times 18 \times 31$ in. $(45.7 \times 45.7 \times 78.7 \text{ cm})$