

Basic Detail Report



Bent-Corner Dish

Date

1750-1800

Primary Maker

Tlingit or Tsimshian

Medium

Yew, red cedar, fiber cordage

Description

Stylized images of ancestral crest emblems and supernatural beings occupy a place of distinction on masterfully carved bent-corner dishes. Bent-corner dishes symbolized status and wealth and identified one's highborn ancestry. The sides of some dishes bulge to symbolize the bounty of food that the chief provided for a potlatch. Hosting families filled the dishes with roasted salmon, cooked roots, or mixed fruits and berries.

Dimensions

Overall: 9 × 13 in. (22.9 × 33 cm)