



Bent-Corner Chest with Lid

Date

1750-1800

Primary Maker

Tlingit or Tsimshian

Medium

Spruce, red turban snail opercula, paint, rawhide, nails
(later cut nails)

Description

Bent-corner chests housed and stored valuable personal and ceremonial objects. Chiefs also used them as honored seating on special occasions. The ambiguous design on this chest is not associated with a specific family crest which allowed it to be traded or given away without ownership restrictions.

Dimensions

Overall: 17 1/2 × 33 1/2 × 19 in. (44.5 × 85.1 × 48.3 cm)