

Basic Detail Report



Shoe

Date

c. 1875

Medium

Silk, paper, braid and cloth

Description

These Chinese silk shoes were worn by women with bound feet. The custom of binding women's feet lasted

about a thousand years. Tiny shoes like these were worn over bandaged feet and were worked in delicate motifs embroidered in stitches appropriate to the scale of the shoes. The shoes were created by first pasting layers of paper together and then adding the brightly-colored silk, embroidery, and other embellishments on top.

Dimensions

6 1/4 × 1 7/8 × 5 1/4 in. (15.9 × 4.8 × 13.3 cm)