

# Basic Detail Report

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## Powder Horn

### Date

19th Century

### Medium

Horn, silver, turquoise and coral

### Description

This is the horn of either a yak or sheep which has been decorated for use in carrying gunpowder. Guns were first

introduced to Tibet from its neighboring countries in the 16th century and continued to become more and more prevalent over the centuries. The flintlock musket used there changed little until the 19th century, but was increasingly integrated into Tibetan military practices, in hunting, and for sport. Horseback shooting of targets at a gallop became a requirement of Tibetan soldiers, and commonly the basis of competitions at festivals. This style of powder horn was also used for carrying snuff or poison. It appears to hail from eastern Tibet.

### Dimensions

10 3/8 × 3 × 2 3/8 in. (26.4 × 7.6 × 6 cm)