



Acorn-shaped Kabuto

Date

February 1855

Primary Maker

Myochin Ki (no) Munechika

Medium

iron, gilded copper alloy, silver, silk cord, fabric, leather, lacquer and silver

Description

4-plate iron hachi (bowl). Four vertical shallow ridges at overlapping edges of lames. Gilded leaf pattern decoration around tehen. Ocean wave pattern decoration glued to peak (one side missing). 5 lame nape defense. side-wings decorated with fabric and copper-allow fittings. Fabric lining and chinstrap intact. Sale catalogue entry pasted inside bowl at the brow: "238. Helmet. Iron, with bronze hachimanza. Silver waves, breaking, on visor. Neck-guard in four pieces of lacquered iron. Shape of calotte, or cap, corresponds to mediaeval European bisonet. The front ornament in form of tokko of silver and bronze. Side pieces with crests of

plum blossom. Signature, Miyochin Munechika. Incised date 1855. Height 10 in." See digital file for a photo.

Dimensions

34.3 x 40.6 x 38.1 cm (13 1/2 x 16 x 15 in.), 6 lb (weight)