



**Candy box with miniature in wax, late 18th century**

Era: Louis XVI.

Materials: composite, gold, tortoiseshell.

Dim: diam 2.36 in.(6 cm)/ H 0.78 in. (2,3 cm)

Circular box in composite material (pillaged fish scales, binder and pigments) and gold mounts. The removable lid is decorated with an oval medallion, a miniature on wax, depicting a couple in a landscape. The wax medallion is set in a gold frame with an interlacing frieze. A second frame of gold interlacing surrounds this charming composition. The inside of the box is fully lined with tortoiseshell. Some wear on the base.

Composite material: as the name suggests, this is made up of crushed fish scales to which we add a binder and a pigment of our choice, forming a composite material.