



**A louis XVI gold-mounted tortoiseshell snuff-box**

Era: 18th century, Louis XVI.

Materials: gold, composite.

Diam: 2,32 in. (5.9 cm) / H: 1.18in. (3 cm).

Weight: 2.82oz (80 g).

18th century gold hallmarks.

Hallmark: Owls

Circular box or snuffbox made of gold and composite material. As its name suggests, it is made from crushed fish scales, to which a binder and a pigment of your choice are added to form a composite material. Fine threads of yellow gold are then inlaid into the material. The composition is framed by a yellow gold braid frame. The snuffbox pusher is carved with a fine foliage motif. The hinge is highlighted by four gold rivets. The interior is entirely lined with brown tortoiseshell. Work from the end of the 18th century.