



Jewelry box (nipperask / nipperdosa), Snuff box (snusdosa)

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Primary Maker

Sven-Åke Risfjell

Medium

carved moose antler, alder bark pigment

Description

Small elongated box with lid made of moose antler and lid designs stained with alder bark pigment (dark reddish

brown color). The bottom main compartment is a long smooth oval shape without any designs. The lid is carved delicately in a banned cross-hatching or woven pattern. South Sámi designs are typically geometric and repetitive. According to Sven-Åke, this is one of 25 known historical South Sámi patterns. He engraves with a knife and pigments the incisions with alder bark powder. When working a pattern like this, he completes all the lines running in one direction, then rotates the box to complete the next set of lines, and so on.

Dimensions

4 7/8 × 1 1/2 × 1 3/4 in. (12.3825 × 3.81 × 4.445 cm)