



BLACK LACQUER SNACK BOX

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c. 1850 • Gansu, China • Wood, Lacquer • Collection #TLB103E

W: 13.75" D: 13.75" H: 7.5"

This simple lacquered box was once used as a 19th-century snack box, presented as a gift during holidays and special occasions. To the delight of the recipients, the unassuming box would have opened to reveal a bounty of popular snack foods, such as roasted melon seeds, dried fruits, and soybeans toasted with cinnamon, fennel, and other spices. The square box is coated inside and out with a layer of black lacquer, now crackled and textured from years of use.



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