

Indian papier-mâché rice bowls and plates

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Height: 8 cm (3.1")

Diameter: 15 cm (5.9")

Description

A pair of 19th century Indian papier-mâché rice bowls and plates with gilt hand painted decoration.

Indian papier-mâché is a traditional craft that blends creativity, sustainability, and intricate artistry. Originating in Kashmir, it was introduced in the 14th century and has since become a symbol of cultural heritage.

Artisans create objects by moulding paper pulp into forms, which are then dried, polished, and hand-painted with elaborate designs. Bright colours, gold leaf, and motifs inspired by nature-such as flowers, birds, and chinar leaves-define the style. Common products include decorative bowls, boxes, trays, ornaments, and vases.