



Shigemasa (??) Japanese Wooden Netsuke From The Edo Period In The Form Of A Snail On A Bucket



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Signature : Shigemasa

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Solid wood

Height : 4 cm

Description

A superb wood netsuke by Shigemasa of a snail exploring over the edge of an upturned bucket or pail. Signed Shigemasa (??) and kakihan. Japanese, Nagoya, mid-19th century, Edo period. A work of astonishingly fine and naturalistic carving, formed from a single piece of wood, then textured with incisions and stippling, and stained in different tones. The snail's body arches over the edge of the bucket, forming the himotoshi. The detail is finely rendered, even down to the breathing hole (pneumostome) of the snail. Height: 4 cm (1.6in) Condition: Excellent condition. Only very minor wear. References: For a similar Shigemasa netsuke, see Lazarnick, George (1982) Netsuke & Inro Artists, and How to Read Their Signatures, Vol. 2, p. 946. For other examples sold at auction, see: Galerie Zacke, Fine

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