

Name

Snake head gourd

Description

The engraving of the gourd (*kolotzi*) is a folk craft-hobby developed in Cyprus. Dried gourds had a variety of household uses, depending on its shape.

The decoration on the gourd was made with a sharp knife, nail or needle, before the gourd was ripe, so that the design could be engraved better.

This gourd is incised with dense decoration of **geometric** and **floral motifs**. A particular feature of this object is its **snake** shaped neck. At the bottom there is an inscription: *Ἐργων. Χ.Στ. πραστέων. Μ. 1970* (Projects. Ch.St. Prastio. M. 1970).

Inv. No. A.M. 1931

Chronology

1970

Provenance

Prastio, Mesaoria, Cyprus

Present Location

Cyprus Folk Art Museum, Lefkosia

Cyprus Folk Art Museum
Society of Cypriot Studies



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Papademetriou, E. (2003). Traditional woodcraft in Cyprus. Nicosia: Ministry of Education and Culture – Cultural Services.

