



LACQUERED WOVEN BASKET

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c. 1900 • Northern China, China • Willow, Lacquer • Collection #BJGG084 W: 7.5" D: 5.25" H: 9.25"

Basket making is an ancient and humble craft, but in the hands of a skilled weaver a simple willow basket can become a truly beautiful work of art. This lidded tabletop basket was made in China long ago, and the artisan's mastery is evident: the strong, flexible willow strips are skillfully intertwined into a rhythmic pattern. Any remaining gaps were then filled with lacquer to create a watertight seal and accentuate the woven pattern. The basket has worn beautifully with time, but remains in remarkable condition - a testament to its craftsmanship.