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Bidri Pandan with Silver Inlaid Tray

Bidar, India, 19th century

Box 10cm high, 13cm wide; Tray 6cm high, 27cm long, 20cm wide

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A blackened zinc alloy rectangular box, cover and tray inlaid with silver and decorated with poppies within oval cartouches and border designs; Hindi inscription inside the lid. The name bidri derives from the city of Bidar in Deccan which was the capital of the Bahmani kingdom. The poppy motif was a popular Bidar style in the mid 19th century. [Click here to see a similar example of a mid 19th century bidri ware with poppy motif](#)

Literature:

Susan Stronge, Bidri Ware: Inlaid Metalwork From India, Victoria and Albert Museum, 1985, p. 15, 60-61.