

The Frick Collection: Detail Report



Gourd

French, Nevers

Date ca. 1640

Medium Faience (tin-glazed earthenware)

Dimensions 17 1/4 × 11 1/2 × 7 3/8 in. (43.8 × 29.2 × 18.7 cm)

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Currently On View

First Floor, Room 14, Enamels Room

Commentary This gourd demonstrates the lasting influence of Italian models on the Nevers production, as well as the popularity in France of ceramics made in Italy seventy years earlier. It is decorated with a colorful istoriato representing Jupiter transformed into a satyr and approaching Antiope (on the front) and two satyrs (on the back). Its distinctive shape with two handles in the form of grotesque heads also followed Renaissance Italian maiolica produced in Urbino about 1560.