



Mummiform coffin

Date

c. 300 BCE

Primary Maker

Unknown

Medium

Polychromed and gilded gesso over sycamore or cedar wood

Description

A wooden coffin of a lady. The face is a portrait of a plump, pleasant woman whose large eyes are defined in heavy kohl. The surface of the coffin is covered with gesso and the decoration is painted in red, yellow and black. On the front, the upper part of the body has a wide painted collar, the ends of which terminate in hawks' heads crowned with a solar disk. Below is a figure of the goddess "Maat", kneeling with outspread wings. On her head is a solar disk enclosing an ostrich feather, the symbol of her name. Below the figure are four rows of hieroglyphics.

Dimensions

Object: 66 × 18 × 15" (167.6 × 45.7 × 38.1 cm)