## Basic Detail Report



Title Brooch Date about 1905 Dimensions L: 2 in. (5.1 cm); W: 2 in. (5.1 cm); Depth: 1/2 in. (1.3 cm) Medium Platinum, pearls, plique-a-jour enamel, and diamonds Classifications Jewelry Credit Line Gift of Janet and Ricardo Zapata in Memory of Helen Stillman Object number 1999.30 Collections Decorative Arts

## Label Text

Plique-à-jour (French for "open to light") is a form of enameling in which the powdered glass substance is suspended within a filigree framework rather than on a metal backing so that light can shine through the translucent colored material in a manner similar to stained glass. The design of this brooch displays a range of influences. The fan shapes of the enamel sections reflect Japanese forms, while the play of the straight platinum lines against the pearl and enamel circles suggests the abstraction seen in German modern art from the period

## On View

Toledo Museum of Art (2445 Monroe Street), Gallery, 34, Jewelry Gallery