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Egyptian Banded Stone Vessel

An ancient Egyptian banded stone lug handled cosmetic vase.

New Kingdom.
Ca. 1570 - 1070 BC.
Height: 1 7/8 in. (4.8 cm).

Black galena (lead sulfide) based kohl (Egyptian: mesmedet) was not only used for beauty but also for religious, symbolic, and practical reasons as it worked as a natural disinfectant and protected the eyes from the bright sunlight.

Formerly in the collection of Jerome Eisenberg, New York.

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