



OBJECT ID	1999.8.2.2
OBJECT NAME	Cup
MATERIAL	Metal; Plastic
OBJECT ENTITIES	Nikitas, Callie (collected by)
RELATED ITEMS	<p>book, 1999.8.1</p> <p>Cup, 1999.8.2.1</p> <p>Saucer, 1999.8.4.B</p> <p>Saucer, 1999.8.5.B</p> <p>Cup, 1999.8.6.A</p> <p>Saucer, 1999.8.3.A</p> <p>Cup, 1999.8.3.B</p> <p>Cup, 1999.8.4.A</p> <p>Cup, 1999.8.5.A</p> <p>Saucer, 1999.8.6.B</p> <p>Cup, 1999.8.7.A</p> <p>Saucer, 1999.8.7.B</p> <p>Cup, 1999.8.8.A</p> <p>Saucer, 1999.8.8.B</p>
ACCESS POINTS	<p>Creto-Mycenaen Goldsmiths</p> <p>gold</p> <p>Metal</p> <p>Replica</p> <p>Trees</p>

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Gold metal cup with handle and 4" plastic stand. Reproduction of gold cup (Masterpiece of the Creto-Mycenaen goldsmiths). 15th century B.C. Original in National Archaeological Museum, Athens. Raised design of animals (featuring bull), trees, and male figure. Cup's interior is smooth.

ORIGIN

This cup is a replica of one of the two cups found together with other precious objects in the Vapheio tholos tomb.

On the first cup (the cup that has been replicated) a bull is captured by peaceful means: a man ties a rope around the bull's leg, while the animal mates with a cow; three grazing bulls complete the composition.

The second cup shows one bull caught in a net while another attacks two hunters as a third hunter flees. Both cups were probably made by the same craftsman, although the first cup is more carefully executed.

CITATION

Cup, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 12/19/25.
