



Amulet depicting the goddess Taweret

Date

c. 1550-323 BCE

Medium

Faience

Description

Amulets portraying deities, animals, objects, and symbols served protective purposes for both the living and the dead. Many were worn on necklaces and rings to transfer positive properties directly to their wearers. Amulets of the fertility deity Taweret were frequently worn by women for protection during pregnancy and childbirth. Taweret, the goddess of women and children, is often represented with the head and body of a hippopotamus and the tail of a crocodile, and wearing a tripartite wig. (Written by Kayley Boddy '22) Amulet of Hippopotamus Goddess Taweret (alternatively Taurt, Taueret).

Dimensions

Overall: 15/16 x 3/16 x 3/8 in. (2.4 x 0.5 x 1 cm)