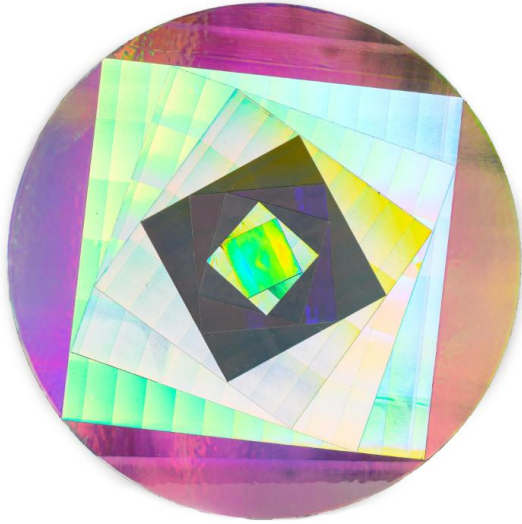




Diminishing

Date

1994

Primary Maker

William Wainwright

Medium

Metal disc surfaced with a pattern of diffraction grating

Description

From the portfolio forward: "William Wainwright was born in Indianapolis in 1924; he studied engineering at Purdue University and architecture at Cornell, the Institute of Design, Chicago, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His art follows from this background by combining his interest in high-tech aluminum and diffraction grating and the lighter materials of slender reeds, bamboo, and gossa-mer metallic fabric. Most of his work is kinetic. Wainwright's contribution to this folio is a disc surfaced with a

pattern of diffraction grating that separates white light into its component rainbow colors. The configuration of color may seem to expand outward from the center point or whirlpool back into the core, depending on the direction of rotation. There is a small hole in the metal at the spinning point which may be pierced to mount the disk on a wall."

Dimensions

Diameter: 8 1/2 in. (21.6 cm)