



Tubular and Disk Bead Necklace

Date

date unknown

Medium

Faience, lapis lazuli

Description

Many nineteenth century tourists, including Burgess, accidentally and purposefully collected reproductions of antiquities. Antique jewelry dealers often restrung ancient beads or amulets to better please — or deceive — collectors. During the Late Period (525 – 332 BCE), Egyptians were often buried with thousands of tubular faience beads strung on broad collars, necklaces, anklets,

bracelets, and bead nets, which were placed over their bandages. Nineteenth century excavators exported these beads for repurposing in their productions. This necklace is one of five donated by Burgess that were strung with a mix of both modern and ancient faience beads; three of them were also strung with modern cat amulets. (Written by Kayley Boddy '22) Small tubular beads, lapis lazuli, faience, brownish beads, with modern-looking disk beads.

Dimensions

Overall: 24.1 cm (9 1/2 in.)