

MODERN DESIGN



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TAPIO WIRKKALA
silver collection

Kultakeskus Oy | Finland, 1954-57 | sterling silver
7 h in (18 cm)

Tapio Wirkkala is a noted designer who worked with glass, metals, porcelain, and woods. His metal work with Kultakeskus has been credited as modernizing metalcraft in post-war Finland. His refined forms draw on the streamlined mid-century aesthetics while retaining their attachment to nature and decoration. Each element signed and impressed. Includes models TW 4 (signed TW), TW 73 (each signed TW), TW 111 (signed Tapio Wirkkala), TW 36 (signed TW), and TW 117 (signed TW). Seven pieces total.

Literature:

Tapio Wirkkala: Eye, Hand, and Thought, Aav, ppg. 360, 361, 362

Estimate: \$4,000–6,000

Result: \$6,500

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