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Qibla Indicators and Sundials

Our collection of qibla indicators ranges from the 1600s to the present day.

Named after the Arabic word for 'direction', a qibla indicator is a type of modified compass which Muslims use to determine the direction they need to face to perform their prayers (towards the Kaaba — the sacred mosque at Mecca).

Practising Muslims still use them today, although increasingly in the form of a mobile app.

Many of our qibla indicators are lavishly decorated with beautiful engravings.

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Image	Object details	Inventory number
	Qibla Indicator Persian 18th Century?	53791
	Qibla Indicator and Horizontal Pin-Gnomon Dial Persian 18th Century?	34566
	Horizontal Pin-Gnomon Sundial and Qibla Indicator Persian 18th Century?	48472
	Inclining Dial Persian? Late 18th Century	33518
	Qibla Indicator 18th or 19th Century	43695

Qibla Indicator c. 1800	33746
Qibla Indicator Persian 1883	50596
Qibla Indicator by Faraj Allâh, Isfahân 1907	50254
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Electronic Prayer Time Clock and Qibla Indicator by Lockheed-Getex, Atlanta c. 1985	19129
Qibla Indicator Iraq 2018	15783
Qibla Indicator	22394

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