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Title Cream Ewer

Date early 19th century

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Mold-formed Chinese export porcelain with gilding and overglaze

enamels in pink, green, red, orange, and black

Description Chinese export porcelain cream ewer with gilding and hand-painted

overglaze enamels in pink, green, red, orange, and black. The cream ewer rests

on a foot and has a wide spout and rim. A handle, shaped to imitate a stick, was

molded and applied opposite the spout. Decoration below the spout consists of

a large pink flower surrounded by smaller flowers in pink and orange, with

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leaves interspersed throughout. There is a border of widely spaced orange

arrows on the foot, as well as a series of borders at the rim. The first is a band of

orange overlaid with a scalloped orange line. This is surrounded by a thin line of

black enamel, then an area of white. Finally, these are surrounded by a wavy

orange line, imitating the appearance of a wave. There is a small area of gilding

at the tip of the handle. Much of the enamel and gilding has worn off the cream

ewer, most noticeably the line of black at the rim and the orange on the foot.

Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots on the surface of the cream

ewer.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 5 x 6 1/2 x 3 3/8in.

(12.7 x 16.5 x 8.6cm)