

Title Tea Bowls

Date about 1840

Primary Maker Enoch Wood & Sons

Medium Mechanically-molded buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze and underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Description Group of seven round tea bowls made of buff-colored earthenware with a blue-tinted glaze, a type of ceramic known as pearlware. Each tea bowl is decorated with the same transfer-printed underglaze cobalt blue pattern and border. The pattern, printed twice on the outside of each tea bowl, shows three people in a sailboat with a single mast and sail on a body of water. Two more individuals are standing and one is sitting on the shore in the near foreground.

Beyond the river, a building sits on a shore at the base of a mountain. A

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crenellated tower is at the top of the mountain. The printed patterns are surrounded by a border of white shells and light blue plants on a field of dark blue. There is an additional border at the rim of each tea bowl, consisting of a line of evenly spaced small white flowers. The shell border is printed again on the inside rim of each tea bowl. A small, transfer-printed pattern on the inside bottom of each tea bowl shows the same tower and a portion of the wooded mountain as described above. Although each tea bowl has the same pattern, tea bowls .4, .5, .6, and .7 are printed in a darker blue than the others. Some of the tea bowls have minor imperfections in the ceramic and the glaze, a condition that would have occurred during manufacture. All of the tea bowls have crazing to some degree; tea bowls .1 and .3 have the most crazing, which has resulted in slight discoloration. There is a crack in the rim of tea bowl .1 that runs half way down the side. tea bowls .4 and .7 each have small chips in the foot. Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of .1 and .3): 2 1/2 x 3 5/8in. (6.4 x 9.2cm) Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of .2, .4, .5, and .7): 2 1/2 x 3 3/4in. (6.4 x 9.5cm) Primary Dimensions (height x diameter of .6): 2 1/2 x 3 5/8in. (6.4 x 9.2cm)