

Basic Detail Report

Title Lidded Ginger Jar

Date mid 19th century

Medium Wheel-thrown Chinese export porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue

decoration

Description Round, heavy, Chinese export porcelain lidded ginger jar with a hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue pattern. The decoration on the jar (.a) consists of trees with sprigs of white plum blossoms on a blue background. The background is made up of a field of hexagons filled in with wide, wavy blue lines filling each shape. The round, flat-topped lid (.b) is covered in the same decoration. This pattern is known as cracked ice, or, the Hawthorne design, as the dark blue background is meant to imitate the appearance of cracked ice on a river. Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots on the surface of the jar and lid.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x diameter): 12 x 9in. (30.5 cm)