

Basic Detail Report

Title Teacup and Saucer

Date 1891-1902

Medium Mold-formed porcelain with gilding and overglaze enamels in yellow, red, blue, and turquoise

Description Round, porcelain teacup (.a) and saucer (.b) with gilding and thick overglaze enamels in yellow, red, blue, and turquoise. Both have gilded undulating rims and a border of fan-like shapes that separate the sides of the saucer and teacup into four panels. Each depression in the rim leads to a panel of geometric shapes and scrolls that swirl to the right and down to the blue-enamelled center of the saucer or the bottom of the teacup. The swirling shapes, embellishments, and colors reflect Orientalism, an interest in Islamic cultures that emerged in the late nineteenth century.

Dimensions Component (height x width including handle x depth of teacup): 2 1/4 x 4 1/2 x 3 5/8in. (5.7 x 11.4 x 9.2cm) Component (diameter of saucer): 5 1/8in. (13cm)