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Title Mug

Date mid 18th century

Medium Wheel-thrown salt-glaze stoneware with cobalt blue decoration

Description Cylindrical, grey mug made of stoneware with a salt glaze and cobalt

blue decoration. When it was made, the mug experienced flattening at the rim

and sides, meaning it is not truly cylindrical. The decorations on the outside of

the mug are split into four bands of roughly equal size, described here from top

to bottom. At the top of the mug, the ceramic is plain, although some clay was

likely removed from this area to create thinner walls for the rim. Below this is an

area of combed decoration, consisting of a series of raised or impressed lines.

Two bands of the combed decoration have been decorated with cobalt blue.

The third band of decoration from the top was not combed, but left plain, then

incised with an undulating band of closely spaced zig-zagging lines. Above and

below the undulating band, the potter incised irregular, organic shapes, which

were filled in with cobalt blue. The final band of decoration at the bottom of the

mug is the same as the combed decoration described above. Two bands of the

combed decoration have been decorated with cobalt blue. The mug has an

applied, pulled, strap handle at one side. The incised decoration is interrupted

on either side to make way for the handle. A small area of the pattern from a

plain-woven textile is found impressed in the center of the bottom of the mug.

There are two chips in the rim, and one is much larger than the other. Two

significant cracks have formed, beginning at the rim and traveling half way down

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the side of the mug. There are three spots of clear wax adhered to the bottom of the mug.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width x depth): 6 1/8 x 5 x 4 1/2in.
(15.6 x 12.7 x 11.4cm)