

Basic Detail Report

Title Tea Bowl and Saucer

Date 1800-1810

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Wheel-thrown Chinese export porcelain with gilding and overglaze

enamels in orange, green, blue, and black

Description Round, Chinese export porcelain tea bowl and saucer with hand-

painted overglaze enameling in orange, green, blue, and black. The surface of

the porcelain is not completely smooth; instead, it appears like the surface of an

orange. The tea bowl (.a) is decorated on the outside with a basket and flowers

on one side and a small flower on the other. The exterior rim of the tea bowl

shows a triangular orange enamel border with small green enamel leaves

hanging down between the triangles. The rim of the tea bowl shows the

remnants of gilding. An orange enamel border of small arrows is on the inside of

the rim of the tea bowl. The saucer (.b) is decorated in the center with a basket

and flowers surrounded by concentric borders. The first is an orange enamel

border of small arrows where the sides of the saucer begin to slope up, followed

by a field of white. At the rim of the saucer is a triangular orange enamel border

with small green enamel leaves hanging down between the triangles. The rim of

the saucer shows the remnants of gilding.

Dimensions Component (height x diameter of tea bowl): 1 7/8 x 3 3/8in. (4.8 x 8.6

cm) Component (height x diameter of saucer): 1 1/4 x 5 1/2in. (3.2cm, 5 1/2in.)