

Basic Detail Report

Title Tea Bowls

Date about 1795-1800

Primary Maker Phebe Curtis

Medium Wheel-thrown Chinese export porcelain with overglaze enamels in brown, green, pink, and purple

Description Six round, Chinese export porcelain tea bowls, part of a teaset consisting of a teapot, cream ewer, sugar bowl, six tea bowls, and six saucers.

The set is decorated with overglaze enamels in brown, green, pink, and purple, with a small flower-filled basket and small clusters of flowers. The entire set, with the straight-sided teapot and undecorated white porcelain surfaces, reflects the neoclassical style popular in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. The tea bowls have slightly ribbed sides with a slight wave to the rims. They outsides are decorated with an enameled flower basket and three small clusters of flowers. A border at the outside of each rim, consisting of a wavy brown line outlined in brown dots, decorates each surface. The rims of the tea bowls have been decorated with gilding, most of which has worn away. Just inside the rim of each tea bowl is another border, consisting of two parallel brown lines with evenly spaced purple dots filling the space between. At the bottom of the inside of each tea bowl, there are various brown enamel lines in an abstract pattern.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter): 1 7/8 x 3 1/2in. (4.8 x 8.9cm)