

Basic Detail Report

Title Ashtray

Date about 1960

Primary Maker Onondaga Pottery Company

Medium Machine-molded porcelain with yellow glaze, blue enamel, and gilding

Description White, round, heavy porcelain with a yellow glaze, gilding, and blue enamel. The ashtray is round, with a relatively narrow rim and a flat surface to catch the ashes. On one side of the rim, a 1 1/2-inch-tall, rectangular, hollow piece of ceramic sticks up from the rim. All of the top surfaces of the ashtray are covered with a bright yellow, almost neon, enamel. The side of the rectangular protrusion facing the ashtray has a rectangular area of blue enamel with an "S" cut out to reveal the yellow enamel below. This area is surrounded by gilded, classical decorations, with an urn above that supports two swags that dip down to either side of the motif. Both the top rim of the rectangular protrusion and the outer edge of the rim on the circular part of the ashtray were once gilded. At this time, only minimal amounts of gilding remain. The rims on the ashtray have accumulated spots of black dirt.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter): 2 1/2 x 5 1/2in. (6.4 x 14cm)