

Basic Detail Report

Title Bowl

Date mid-late 19th century

Medium Wheel-thrown Chinese export porcelain with underglaze cobalt blue decoration

Description Round Chinese export porcelain bowl with hand-painted underglaze cobalt blue decoration. The bowl has pierced walls, filled with translucent glaze, known as the "rice grain pattern." There are four bands of decoration on the bowl. The bottom inside of the bowl has been left white, but is surrounded by a border of organic shapes that look like trees and bundles of reeds. The rim of the inside of the bowl has a geometric pattern created by alternating thick and thin blue lines. The outside of the rim of the bowl has a pattern of diamonds with white flowers inside. A final border is found on the outside of the bowl just above the foot. It shows a thick, curved line with various shapes intersperced throughout: two fish, a pagoda, a shell, a vase, a flower, and various geometric forms (possibly derived from Buddhist symbols). Imperfections in the porcelain appear as black dots on the surface of the bowl.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x diameter): 3 3/4 x 9 1/4in. (9.5 x 23.5 cm)