

Basic Detail Report

Title Teapot

Date mid 18th century

Primary Maker Staffordshire potteries

Medium Press-molded polychrome earthenware

Description Small, round, multi-colored earthenware teapot (.a), a type of ceramic known as agate ware. To create agate ware, two colors of slip, in this case blue and brown, are folded and mixed with a cream-colored earthenware.

As a result, the ceramic takes on the appearance of a marbled stone, such as agate, in keeping with the rococo style. The round body of the teapot sits on three molded and applied feet in the shape of lion's heads over a large paw. A molded handle and spout are applied on opposite sides of the teapot. A small round lid (.b) sits on top of the rim on the teapot. The lid has a small, circular hole and a central molded and applied finial in the shape of a lion. A few spots on the rim of the teapot have been skillfully repaired and painted, especially on the area to the right of the handle. The tip of the spout has been skillfully repaired and repainted as well. Clear wax has adhered to the bottom of each foot.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 5 x 7 x 4in. (12.7 x 17.8 x 10.2cm)