

Basic Detail Report

Title Jar

Date about 1790

Primary Maker Abraham Mead

Medium Wheel-thrown salt-glazed stoneware with cobalt blue decoration

Description Large, ovoid, wide-mouthed, grey stoneware jar with a salt glaze and hand-painted cobalt blue decoration. The jar has two applied lug handles, each in the shape of an open loop, that are attached only at their ends, below the neck. Above this are a band of raised lines, then a rolled rim. Cobalt blue has been applied at and between the handles. At the handles, cobalt blue is found where each end of each handle meets the jar, and in two spirals below this. The number "2" is written on the jar between where the handles meet the body of the jar. Between the handles, on each side, are two hearts, each of which ends in two large spirals and an abstract, curved shape below. The overall salt glaze shows many imperfections and has yellow tinges and spots which are part of the glaze. On one side of the jar, below one of the hearts, is a slight indentation and an unglazed area. A similar spot is located on the opposite side, to the left of the left-most heart. Finally, to the right of this, is an area of green-tinged, lumpy glaze. These imperfections probably occurred at the time of manufacture.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height x width including handles x depth): 12 x 9 1/8 x 9 11/16in. (30.5 x 23.2 x 24.6cm)