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Title Child's Teapot

Date late 19th-early 20th century

Primary Maker Unknown

Medium Mold-formed earthenware with underglaze blue decoration

Description Relatively tall, octagonal, miniature white earthenware teapot with lid, part of a larger partial set of miniature teawares consisting of a teapot, lidded sugar bowl, creamer, slop bowl, five saucers, six plates, and four teacups.

The entire set is decorated with a bright blue, underglaze, transfer-printed pattern and border in the Aesthetic style. The pattern found on most pieces in

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the set consists of a central scene of a small girl standing behind a large dog, both looking to the right. The scene of the girl and dog is surrounded by a border of a dotted line between two solid lines, interrupted three times by a triangular area with small stylized flowers inside. This is surrounded by a circular area with various decorative elements inside. There is a semi-circular area with two birds inside, a panel of blue and white fabric with white flowers and fruit over the fabric, and a square area with two birds and more flowers. These three decorative elements are separated from each other by areas of white and various flowers. The entire pattern, the scene of the girl and dog surrounded by various decorative elements, is surrounded by a line of alternating triangles and short lines. The border, found at the rim of many pieces in the set, consists of an octagonal lattice pattern interrupted periodically by rectangular areas of blue with white flowers on top. The above-described pattern is printed twice, once each on opposite sides of the teapot (.a). A spout and handle have been applied over two mold lines that run the height of the teapot. The teapot has a small round lid (.b) with a small rectangular finial, with the border printed on the rim of the lid and the handle, and a small hole to allow steam to escape. There is crazing over all the surfaces of the teapot, but not the lid. A small spot of cream-colored paint has adhered to the finial of the lid, and some of the crazing inside the teapot has turned brown.

Dimensions Primary Dimensions (height including lid x width x depth): 5 1/8 x 5 5/8 x 2 3/4in. (13 x 14.3 x 7cm)