

Bowl

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The bowl is complete; some cracks have been repaired with iron spikes, and there is some missing glaze all around the rim. The bowl is circular in shape, with a flared rim and corrugated top, and a sloping wall curving towards the flat bottom. On the reverse side, it rests on a massive ring-shaped foot, the fulcrum of which is unglazed. The bottom is recessed and

flat. The foot is pierced by two aligned suspension holes, the inner wall of which is covered with enamel; one of the holes is broken. The body is beige and covered with a bluish-white enamel. There are traces of wear on the inner base, as well as linear marks. The reverse features 15 pairs of holes, into which are inserted the ends of 15 rusty iron spikes. The spikes are made of a double rod held in place by a white paste. One of the ends of one of the spikes is visible on the inner wall ; The decoration is molded and hand-painted in polychrome of blue underglaze, and yellow ochre, green and red overglaze. It features compartmentalized floral braiding. Molded decoration is visible on the rim and outer wall. The wall is decorated with twisted vertical flutes, while the rim is corrugated. The decoration is painted on the top of the inner wall, under the rim, and in the center of the bottom. The wall is decorated with an annular braid in blue. It is decorated with three repeated motifs. The main motif consists of a half-flower with an angular wavy outline, made up of radiating lines traced in green; these half-flowers are arranged in a staggered pattern. They are interrupted either by a latticework or by two rows of ovals adorned with an off-center pearl, imitating fish scales. The latticework is outlined in red and green and trimmed with blue pearls, while the scale motif is outlined in red and trimmed with blue pearls. The background features a large leafy stem and three-lobed flowers, traced in blue and painted in ochre and green; it is surmounted by a large flower, traced and painted in blue.

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Materials ceramic, white earthenware

Measurements 8,5 x 31,5165 cm

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