

# Tea bowl

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The bowl is complete, with a few cracks in the wall. It is circular in shape. The wall is flared at the top, with a straight rim and a plain top. The wall curves at the base towards the sock, which is flat. The bowl rests on a ring-shaped foot, with a beveled inner surface. The bottom is recessed and flat. There are slight defects on the outer wall. The bowl is slightly deformed. There is an incised ring in the center of the bottom. The inner base shows linear marks ; The decoration is hand-painted in cobalt blue, underglaze. It is of the Chinese house type. The decoration under the inner rim is a chain of alternating ovals and lozenges. The decoration on the inner base consists of a terrace with grass. The main decoration on the outer wall consists of an oriental-style house topped by a tower. This is a three-quarter view of the house, with its gable wall and side wall. The gable wall features a doorway topped by an elongated oriel window, while the side wall has a high opening topped by two small windows. The roof is double-pitched, with a pillar at each end. It is topped by a vertical tower with a rectangular window and covered by a flattened triangular roof; the center is topped by a straight vertical pole. The house is flanked on the left by a trellis fence with a vertical post. Various grasses and trees grow behind and beyond the fence, including a pine tree on the right. Stylized birds twirl in the sky. The terrace is underlined by a row of four triangles made of superimposed lines and pointing downwards. The secondary decoration is another triangle supporting stylized plants.

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Materials ceramics, fine earthenware Pearlware

Measurements 4,5 x 7,637 cm

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On display