

Basic Detail Report



Wine Cup or Water Dropper

Date

early 18th century

Medium

porcelain and turquoise glaze

Description

This small cup imitates the jue, one of the ancient bronze shapes of the Shang Dynasty (ca. 1600-1027 BCE). The

jue functioned as a wine vessel and was popularly reproduced throughout Chinese history as both a functioning wine vessel, but increasingly as an item of archaistic interest that decorated the scholar's writing desk. It is possible that this small vessel was created not as a wine cup, but rather as a water dropper to be used in the production of ink for calligraphy and painting.

Dimensions

Overall: 3 1/2 x 5 3/8 x 2 3/8 in. (8.9 x 13.7 x 6 cm)