

SA1022118**Good Large Japanese Ko Kutani
Taoist Immortal**

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1022118****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 40 cm (15.7")

**Description**

This is a fabulous Japanese Ko Kutani figure of a Taoist Immortal. The impressive and very substantial figure holds a staff and prayer scroll is beautifully enamelled and hand gilded in deep blues, greens, reds and gold. The decoration to his robes and headgear is most impressive. Ko-Kutani (old Kutani) was made during the 17th and early 18th centuries, before the more commonly known Kutani wares of the 19th century were introduced. The more prestigious Ko-Kutani wares are recognised by scholars to be a complex and much mis-represented group, very often not from Kutani at all. The Ko-Kutani period, is marked by vivid dark colors that epitomize lavish aesthetics. It is theorized that the long, harsh and grey winters of the Hokutiku region led to a desire among people living there for ceramic ware to show strong and bold colours. The classical five colours style is known as gossip-de) which includes green, blue, yellow, purple, and red. The designs are bold and normally depict landscapes, the beauty of nature, and people, and cover most of the surface of each piece. This is a wonderful example of the Ko Kutani style, the substantial figure is in excellent condition and st...

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