

SA1058305

George III 18th Century First
Period Worcester Chinoiserie
blue and white porcelain
dragon bowl, rare W mark

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA1058305

Date of manufacture: Georgian

Dimensions

Height = 4 cm (1.6")

Width = 24.5 cm (9.6")

Depth = 12.5 cm (4.9")

Description

Antique 18th century fine English bowl with a Chinoiserie dragon design. First Period Worcester, blue and white porcelain finely transfer printed in underglaze blue. Exceedingly rare under-glaze mark to base, also considered as a workman's mark. Firing pits near the edge on the front – an indication of very early primitive porcelain manufacturing. Evidence of a gilt edge shown along the perimeter of the plate. Rarely seen pattern, if ever. Cursive "W" mark in blue to base along with "C5" mark in purple. Made by Worcester, England, c. 1770's. 545 g 4 cm tall 24.5 cm diameter across the top 12.5 cm diameter across the foot The First Period of production at Worcester (1751 to 1783), or the Dr Wall period, after one of the original partners, is a distinct collecting area. In contrast to the 19th and 20th century when, as Royal Worcester, many figures and ornamental pieces were made, First Period Worcester is predominantly devoted to functional (if sometimes spectacular) tableware. The very earliest wares take their decoration from Chinese and Japanese (kakiemon) porcelain and their forms from silver shapes. Coloured enamels also predominate over underglaze blue decorat...

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