

SA1214453

Mason's Patent Ironstone Large Covered Bowl, Chinoiserie Pattern, c.1820

Price

GBP 300

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Item Reference: SA1214453**Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 17 cm (6.7")

Width = 17.2 cm (6.8")

Depth = 17.2 cm (6.8")

Description

A highly decorative Mason's Patent Ironstone large covered bowl produced in Staffordshire circa 1820. The decoration belongs to Mason's early Chinoiserie taste, when the factory adapted Chinese export porcelain designs for the English market. With its rounded body, domed cover and original gilt floral finial, the bowl reflects the bold decorative style of early Mason's Ironstone. The ornate moulded finial, more ornamental than strictly functional, is characteristic of finer Mason's tablewares and serving pieces. The decoration is executed in a richly coloured pseudo-Chinese Chinoiserie style, with deep cobalt-blue grounds, orange-red reserves, stylised floral ornament, architectural motifs and extensive gilding. The bowl is fully decorated both inside and out, including a richly painted medallion with Chinese-style figures and pavilion scenes — a rarer and more elaborate feature not commonly found on standard Mason's Ironstone covered wares. The dense palette, theatrical reserves and pseudo-Chinese figural decoration reflect Mason's early interpretation of Chinese export porcelain. This Oriental taste became one of the defining features of early Mason's Ironstone, combining...

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