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Antique Japanese Sometsuke Yokode Kyuusu Late Meiji Period (c. 1890–1912)

Price

GBP 875

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Item Reference: SA1217082**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Description

Antique Japanese Sometsuke Yokode Kyuusu Late Meiji Period (c. 1890–1912) An excellent antique Japanese sometsuke (underglaze blue and white) yokode kyuusu (side-handled teapot), dating to the late Meiji period. This piece features a distinctively low-slung, squat, and compressed profile—a shape highly favored in traditional Japanese sencha (steeped green tea) culture to allow the tea leaves maximum room to expand evenly across the base. The shoulder and matching lid are meticulously hand-painted with classic auspicious motifs heavily inspired by Ming dynasty Chinese iconography. It displays elegantly rendered flying cranes (tsuru), a traditional symbol of longevity, interspersed among scrolling foliage, stylized clouds, and ribboned precious objects or treasures (takaramono), including sacred scrolls. The construction features a hollow, open-ended side handle set at a rigid 90-degree angle from the tapered spout. The underside reveals a flat, unglazed base showing prominent, tight wheel-throwing concentric spirals. Both the gallery rim of the body and the interior lip of the lid are finished with a classic reddish-brown iron wash slip to prevent fusing during firing. ...

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