

SA1232851

Rare 18th Century Chinoiserie Creamware Teapot c.1770–1785

Price

GBP 550

| USD \$750 | EUR 642

Item Reference: SA1232851**Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 17.5 cm (6.9")

Width = 21 cm (8.3")

Depth = 13 cm (5.1")

Description

A rare and visually striking late-18th-century teapot, most probably English and made circa 1770–1785. The unmarked body appears to be creamware or an early china-glazed refined earthenware rather than hard-paste porcelain. A specific factory cannot presently be assigned. The teapot has a balanced globular body raised on a low circular foot, a tall cylindrical neck, a domed cover with an elongated pear- or drop-shaped finial, and a high rounded loop handle rising approximately to the level of the cover. The strongly curved ascending spout is particularly distinctive. Its junction with the body is strengthened and ornamented with unusual moulded foliate and scroll decoration. This feature is absent from the closest presently known comparison and considerably enhances the sculptural character and rarity of the present example. Both sides are freely hand-painted in polychrome overglaze enamels with chinoiserie figures in fenced garden landscapes. The palette includes iron red, puce, yellow, green, blue and black, with flowering branches, fruit, stylised vegetation and energetic landscape strokes. The cover is decorated with flowers and sweeping coloured motifs. A closely ...

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