

Melon-shaped teapot

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.:	9614.1-2 
Type:	object for daily use; pottery
Date of production:	15th century Ming dynasty
Place of production:	Zhejiang, China
Materials:	bone; gold; lacquer; porcelain
Techniques:	crackled glaze
Dimensions:	height: 10 cm diameter (base): 6.2 cm width: 14.5 cm

This is a melon-shaped vessel with a ribbed body, presumably a rice wine pot. It is grey porcelain; during the firing, the celadon glaze fused with the material of the body. The glaze is covered with thick crackles, forming a dark network on the surface.

