

# Teacup with lotus and mandarin ducks

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: object for daily use; pottery

Date of production: 19th century

Place of production: Jingdezhen, China/Vietnam, Southeast Asia

Marks: 壽 shou "long life" marking

Materials/Technique: porcelain, underglaze blue, brown paint  
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Dimensions: height: 5 cm  
diameter: 7.8 cm

Blue and white porcelain, decorated with lotus, mandarin ducks and a butterfly couple, brown rim. Stylized cobalt inscription on the base of the shou (long life) character. In Chinese culture, the depiction of a pair of mandarin ducks is a powerful symbol of conjugal fidelity. The object in the picture was made by Chinese craftsmen in the Jingdezhen manufacture for the Vietnamese court in the 19th century.

