



Yue celadon-glazed jar and cover with applied medallions

On display

Title/Description: Yue celadon-glazed jar and cover with applied medallions

Object Type: Vessel

Materials: Earthenware

Measurements: w. 380 mm

Accession Number: 1148

Historic Period: Han dynasty (206 BC-AD 220)

Production Place: Asia, China

This jar is circular in shape, adorned with a circular lid and a handle on either side. Each handle is decorated with a simple face formed only of eyes, nose and mouth. A medallion motif covers the

upper half of the jar, forming horizontal bands which encircle the object. The motif is circular in shape, and composed of a central square shape which is surrounded by crosses. Grooves also form horizontal bands which cover the top half of the jar, interspersed between each band of motifs. A fake modelled handle also adorns either side of the jar.

The upper half of the pot has been glazed whereas the lower half has been left matt. The object is made from earthenware - the lower half is red-brown whereas the glazed upper half is a greenish colour. A chip can be found on the rim of the lid. A number of cracks are visible at the base of the jar and a few chips can be found on the unglazed surface, revealing the colour of the material underneath.

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