

# Basic Detail Report

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## Wine Cup or Water Dropper

### Date

early 18th century

### Medium

porcelain and turquoise glaze

### Description

This small cup imitates the jue, one of the ancient bronze shapes of the Shang Dynasty (ca. 1600-1027 BCE). The

jue functioned as a wine vessel and was popularly reproduced throughout Chinese history as both a functioning wine vessel, but increasingly as an item of archaistic interest that decorated the scholar's writing desk. It is possible that this small vessel was created not as a wine cup, but rather as a water dropper to be used in the production of ink for calligraphy and painting.

### Dimensions

Overall: 3 1/2 x 5 3/8 x 2 3/8 in. (8.9 x 13.7 x 6 cm)