
PAGODA RED



BLUE AND WHITE FLORAL HEADREST

\$280

c. 1900 • China • Porcelain • Collection #CESB029E

W: 5.5" D: 2.5" H: 4.5"

This square ceramic block is actually a form of Chinese headrest or neck pillow. Popular during the Qing dynasty, rigid headrests such as this were used by upper-class women to protect their elaborate hairstyles by elevating the head during slumber. This example dates to the late 19th century and is glazed in the blue-and-white style with floral designs painted with expressive brushwork. Cutouts on either end allow for air circulation, one side perforated to resemble interlocking coins, a symbol of wealth and good fortune.

Minor scuffing and discoloration. Minor hairline crack on one side.



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