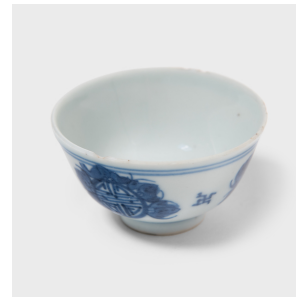


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## BLUE AND WHITE LONGEVITY TEA CUP

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H: 1.5" Dia: 2.5"

The delicate blue and white design of this porcelain teacup was painted in a muted, grey pigment, only to be transformed to a rich, cobalt blue by the fiery heat of the kiln. The cup's sides are decorated with a shou symbol of longevity surrounded by five bats, a motif representing the five blessings of happiness. Retaining the immediacy of the artist's brushwork, the geometric decoration offers a sense of simplicity and spontaneity that looks as fresh today as it did serving tea at the turn of the 20th century.



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