



## BAMBOO CLOTH TEAPOT WITH ARCHED HANDLE

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c. 1900 • China • Bamboo • Collection #CFC521C

W: 10.0" D: 6.5" H: 13.0"

Tea drinking has been an integral part of Chinese culture for centuries, resulting in a wide range of social customs and material traditions. In addition to tea leaves, water, and heat, the art of drinking tea (chayi) calls for a variety of teaware and utensils - both practical and decorative.

This sculptural teapot dates to the late Qing dynasty and was hand-carved from bamboo to appear as though parceled by a cloth strung with tassels. A tall, arched handle surmounts the teapot, shaped from a thin bamboo branch. Appealing to the popular appreciation for organic forms, the base of the teapot was minimally worked, preserving the natural patterning of the wood grain. Continued...



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