
PAGODA RED



DOUBLE CRANE HEADREST

\$280

Mid-20th Century • China • Porcelain • Collection #CESB016B

W: 5.25" D: 2.5" H: 4.5"

This simple, 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 decorative example dates to the mid-20th century and is finished with a milky white glaze and a colorful scene of two cranes beneath a pine tree with plum blossoms, rocks, and peonies. A scene layered with several auspicious motifs, this decoration conveys blessings of longevity, youth, wealth and honor. Continued...



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Cutouts on either end allow for circulation, one side perforated to resemble interlocking coins, a symbol of wealth and good fortune.

Minor hairline crack at oblong cutout.



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