
PAGODA RED



BLUE AND WHITE FLORAL HEADREST

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c. 1900 • China • Porcelain • Collection #CESB020

W: 5.75" D: 2.75" 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 early 20th century and is wonderfully glazed in the blue-and-white style with deep, cobalt-blue color. The sides are decorated with floral motifs painted with expressive brushwork, including chrysanthemums, a symbol of longevity, and lotus blossoms, a symbol of beauty. Cutouts on either end allow for circulation, one side perforated to resemble interlocking coins, a symbol of wealth and good fortune. Continued...



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Minor discoloration. Minor losses to one corner.

