Qero (Outflaring Cup)

Date

ca. 600-1000

Medium

Terra-cotta

Description

Burnished redware qero (kero) shaped cup, decorated with black paint on red slip ground in a band of geometric step-shapes just below rim. Rim is decorated in black and red triangles. One large chip from rim has broken and been repaired, otherwise vessel is intact. The qero or drinking cup shape is characteristic of the Tiwanaku, although the shape was also used by the later Inka culture. Epigonal, variant of Tiahuanaco (Peru)

Dimensions

5 3/4 x 5 1/2 inches (14.6 x 14 cm)