

Basic Detail Report



Hirato, Lion with Ball

Date

19th century

Primary Maker

Unidentified artist

Medium

Porcelain; Pale bluish-white glaze; Black ink

Description

Netsuke in the form of a grinning Chinese lion-dog playing with a large ball. The ball has a separate porcelain sphere inside it that rattles when the netsuke is shaken. Glazed with pale blue glaze that appears white except in pooled areas. Eyes are enhanced with black ink. Two circular perforations on back.

Dimensions

1 1/4 x 1 x 1 5/8 inches (3.2 x 2.5 x 4.1 cm)