

Basic Detail Report



Brush Washer

Date

1644-1911

Medium

Glass

Description

Brush washers were an important feature of the scholar's study. While painting or creating calligraphy, a scholar would use the brush washer to remove excess ink from

the brush being used. It is interesting to note that many known examples of brush washers are made from porcelain or, less frequently, from stone. Glassblowing techniques were introduced to China from the western portions of Asia in approximately the 5th Century CE. The use of glass was stimulated from the popularity of the material outside of China. It was commonly worked using the same methods as jade or other stones. This entailed working the glass on a lapidary wheel by incising and carving it. The designs and forms created in glass were influenced from those of more frequently used materials including jade, lacquer, porcelain, and metal rather than from other cultural traditions of glassmaking.

Dimensions

3 1/2 × 6 1/2 × 5 1/2 in. (8.9 × 16.5 × 14 cm)