

Enamel porcelain Custom Gifting Idea

Enamel porcelain, known in Chinese as 珐琅彩瓷器, refers to a type of porcelain that is decorated with enamel paint. Enamel paint is a type of glaze that was initially applied to metal wares like cloisonné and later adapted for use on porcelain after it was introduced to China. This technique involves applying an opaque, glassy white enamel base, which is then decorated using Chinese painting techniques to create intricate and colorful patterns.



Difference between Enamel Porcelain and Cloisonné

Enamel porcelain (珐琅彩瓷器) and cloisonné (景泰蓝) are not the same. While both use enamel paint, their substrates and techniques differ:

- Enamel Porcelain: This is porcelain decorated with enamel paint. The process involves applying enamel over a porcelain base, resulting in a smooth, glossy finish.
- Cloisonné: This is a metalworking technique where enamel is

applied to metal objects. The metal surface is divided into compartments using thin metal wires (cloisons), which are filled with enamel and then fired.



Distinguishing Famille Rose from Enamel Porcelain

Famille rose (ruancai, or "soft color") and enamel porcelain are both overglaze enameled wares but can be distinguished by the following characteristics:

1. Color Range:

- Enamel porcelain features a wider range of bright colors.
- Famille rose tends to have softer, more pastel hues.

2. Texture and Layers:

- Enamel porcelain patterns are painted in layers, creating a textured surface that can be felt by touch.
- Famille rose has a flat and smooth surface.

3. Appearance:

- Enamel porcelain is generally more vibrant and detailed.

- Famille rose exhibits a more delicate and softer color palette.

These tips can help you identify and appreciate the differences between these two beautiful types of porcelain.



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