

Custom Gifting Ideas for Famille Rose Porcelain Drinkware

Famille rose, also known as fencai (粉彩), is one of the traditional Jingdezhen decorating techniques that developed under the influence of enamels. First introduced during the last years of the Kangxi reign, it reached its peak during the Yongzheng era and continued with great delicacy through the Qianlong period. In the late Kangxi reign, an opaque glassy white enamel began to be fired onto plain porcelain as the base for coloring images. Significant progress in coloring and decorating skills was made during the Yongzheng and Qianlong periods, gradually developing a new style. Renowned for its elegant and soft pinkish tint, it was named "fencai." The development of fencai enamel was one of the most significant technical contributions to ceramics during the Qing Dynasty.



Famille rose porcelain, known as the Pearl of Oriental Art, is a group of Chinese porcelain wares characterized by decoration painted in opaque overglaze rose colors. It is also referred to as "fencai," "ruancai," and "yangcai" in Chinese.

- Fencai (粉彩): Famille rose, meaning rose family or pink family in French, refers to Chinese porcelain decorated with predominantly pink-colored enamel. The name "fencai" literally translates to "pink color" or "powder colors."

- Ruancai (软彩): This term means "soft colors." Famille rose can be fired at a lower temperature, offering a wider range of colors, each of which can be applied in various tones. This results in a softer and gentler appearance.

- Yangcai (洋彩): During the Qianlong reign, famille rose acquired the name "yangcai," meaning "foreign colors," because the technique and materials were introduced from Europe. This new decorative method involved mixing pigments in ways that were foreign, highlighting the technological exchanges between China and European countries in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Nowadays, the term "fencai" is the most commonly used and is almost interchangeable with "yangcai."



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