

Langyao Red Colored Glaze Lidded Cup: A Versatile Teaware for Brewing Tea

How to use a lidded cup and teapot to brew tea in Asia?

The Langyao Red Lidded Cup is a type of colored glaze teaware, known in English as the "Langyao Red Colored Glaze Lidded Cup", also being called Taiwan in Chinese. This versatile piece of teaware is perfect for brewing and drinking tea. Let's dive into how to use it and its significance.

Lidded Cup Components:

- Lid
- Cup
- Saucer/ Tray

How to Use a Gaiwan (Lidded Cup)?

If the Yixing teapot is the perfect match for Pu'er tea, the gaiwan is the all-rounder of tea brewing tools. It can be used for green tea, white tea, floral tea, Pu'er tea, and more. Historically, the gaiwan was used as a direct drinking vessel, as often seen in historical Chinese dramas where emperors drink tea from gaiwans, using the lid to push aside tea leaves before sipping. Nowadays, it is widely used by tea enthusiasts as a brewing vessel, offering more convenience than a teapot. The gaiwan is suitable for almost any type of tea. You can use it to brew tea or to drink directly from it.

The Traditional Chinese Gaiwan:

A gaiwan consists of three parts: a bowl, a lid, and a saucer. It is a traditional Chinese teaware used for both brewing and drinking tea.

Symbolism of the Gaiwan:

The gaiwan, also known as the "Three Talents Bowl," symbolizes the

harmonious unity of heaven, earth, and mankind. The lid represents heaven, the bowl represents mankind, and the saucer represents earth.

History of the Gaiwan:

During the Ming Dynasty, Emperor Zhu Yuanzhang decreed the replacement of tea cakes with loose tea, leading to the widespread use of teapots and cups. The gaiwan, with its added lid, became more suitable for keeping tea warm. Imagine an emperor needing a break from reading official documents; it's much more convenient for a maid to serve him tea in a gaiwan than in a teapot.

Advantages of the Gaiwan:

- Material: Usually made from white porcelain or glass, it doesn't alter the tea's flavor, allowing you to taste the true essence of the tea.
- Wide Opening: Its wide opening makes it easier to observe tea leaves' behavior during brewing, the change in liquor color, and to smell the aroma.
- Leaf Observation: After brewing, you can easily examine the tea leaves.
- Ease of Use: The gaiwan is simple to use, and the rewards for using it are substantial.

So, when you find a moment of peace, why not brew yourself a good cup of tea with a gaiwan?

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