



Water Spirit Bottle

Date

1550-1650

Primary Maker

Tunican

Medium

Clay, pigment

Description

Animal vessel made of clay and pigments. The vessel has a head, tail, and four legs, with a raised cylindrical opening in the center of the back. The head is looking outward with two small raised points for ears, a slightly protruding forehead, two small balls of clay for eyes, and large bared teeth. Sharp teeth are defined by scoring on the clay. The head has white and brown pigment for color. The body has swirls of white, red, and brown pigment. It is a oval shaped body with four legs in brown pigment. Claws are defined by small balls of clay. The jar's opening has red pigment. The tail is short. The animal could be a dog but is usually identified as an underwater panther. Ceramic

Dimensions

Overall: 9 1/2 × 9 1/2 in. (24.1 × 24.1 cm)