

18th century Chinese celadon glazed cabinet plate

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REF: 6912

Depth: 3 cm (1.2")

Diameter: 23 cm (9.1")

Description

An 18th century Chinese celadon glazed porcelain cabinet plate with prunus design and scalloped edges, circa 1770

The Chinese prunus design, often called "plum blossom" in art, is a timeless motif symbolising resilience and renewal. It features delicate five-petaled flowers, slender branches, and often gnarled trunks, rendered in ink, porcelain, textiles, and woodwork.

Originating from traditional Chinese painting, it became a favourite in Ming and Qing dynasty ceramics and exported blue-and-white wares. The prunus blossom's ability to bloom in late winter makes it a metaphor for perseverance and hope in adversity.

Its graceful curves and rhythmic patterns create elegance in decorative arts, appearing in borders, panels, and landscapes, blending natural beauty with profound cultural symbolism.