

Large terracotta salt pig

£225



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Height: 50 cm (19.7")

Width: 20 cm (7.9")

Depth: 25 cm (9.8")

Description

A larger early 19th century European glazed salt pig.

A salt pig is a traditional kitchen container designed to keep salt close at hand while cooking. Usually made from ceramic, stoneware or wood, it features a wide opening that allows easy access with fingers or a spoon while protecting the contents from dust.

Despite its name, the term "pig" probably derives from an old Scottish word meaning earthenware vessel rather than the animal. Salt pigs have been used for centuries in homes and professional kitchens, valued for their practicality and rustic charm.

Today they remain popular, combining everyday usefulness with decorative appeal in both traditional and contemporary kitchen settings.