

Mid 19th century Wedgwood black basalt tea pot

£45



REF: 7105

Height: 14 cm (5.5")

Width: 14 cm (5.5")

Depth: 16 cm (6.3")

Description

A mid 19th century Wedgwood black basalt tea pot.

Wedgwood black basalt is a fine, hard stoneware developed by Josiah Wedgwood in the late 18th century. Introduced around 1768, it is renowned for its deep, rich, matte black color, achieved by adding manganese and iron oxides to refined clay.

The material allowed for sharp detailing, making it ideal for neoclassical designs inspired by ancient Greek and Roman art. Black basalt was used for busts, cameos, vases, tea sets, and ornamental wares, often decorated with contrasting reliefs.

Elegant and durable, it became a hallmark of Wedgwood's innovation, reflecting Enlightenment tastes for antiquity and establishing a timeless legacy in decorative arts.