

Regency toleware tea canister

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Height: 43 cm (16.9")

Diameter: 23 cm (9.1")

Description

A Regency toleware tea canister in the Chinese style with gilt decoration, circa 1810.

Toleware tea canisters are elegant examples of early 19th-century decorative metalwork, popular during the English Regency period (circa 1811-1820). Crafted from tinfoil and hand-painted in rich colors, these canisters often featured gilded details, floral motifs, and chinoiserie scenes that reflected the era's fascination with exoticism and refinement.

Designed to store valuable tea leaves, they combined practicality with artistry, often forming part of matching tea sets or trays. Their lacquer-like finish, achieved through layers of varnish, added durability and lustre.

Today, Regency toleware tea canisters are highly collectible, prized for their craftsmanship, historical charm, and timeless decorative appeal.