## PAGODA RED









### **BLUE AND WHITE PEONY BRUSH POT**

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China • Porcelain • Collection #TLC029G H: 7.75" Dia: 8.0"

Set alongside the four treasures of the study - the calligraphy brush, ink, paper, and inkstone - a brush pot, or bitong, was an essential fixture of the scholars' desk. This porcelain brush pot beautifully exemplifies this traditional form with the classical artistry of Chinese blue-and-white ceramics. Brushed atop a cool white field, full peony blossoms enliven the sides with cobalt-blue color. Set against an all-over dotted pattern, the peonies are symbols of summer, love, and affection. Continued...

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Peonies are also closely associated with royalty because they were grown in the imperial gardens of the Sui and Tang dynasties, and symbolize wealth and high honor.