
PAGODA RED



PEACOCK AND PEONIES HEADREST

\$280

Mid-20th Century • China • Porcelain • Collection #CESB016A

W: 5.5" D: 2.25" H: 4.75"

This square ceramic block is actually a form of Chinese headrest or neck pillow. Popular during the Qing dynasty, rigid headrests such as this were used by upper-class women to protect their elaborate hairstyles by elevating the head during slumber. This decorative example dates to the mid-20th century and is finished with a milky white glaze and a motif of peacocks and peonies. A traditional motif in Chinese art, this pairing evokes the idiom "may you gain culture, wealth, and honor. Continued...



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" Cutouts on either end allow for circulation, one side perforated to resemble interlocking coins, a symbol of wealth and good fortune.

