
PAGODA RED



PRINTED BLUE AND WHITE HEADREST

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Mid-20th Century • China • Ceramic • Collection #CESB006

W: 6.0" D: 2.5" 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 printed with an idyllic scene in the style of Chinese propaganda illustrations. Two young girls pause their farm work to read beneath a pine tree, with farm land and industry visible in the background. Continued...



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Finished with a crackled glaze and cobalt-blue borders, this unique headrest uses a traditional form for a modern message.

