

## SCHOLARS' BRUSH REST

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c. 1900 • Northern China, China • Porcelain • Collection #SSS078 W: 4.75" D: 1.0" H: 2.75"

Brush rests were an essential tool for a scholar's practice of calligraphy and brush painting. This example, is fired in the shape of a dragon's visage, and glazed in a rich cerulean. The rests are shaped out of the dragon's shoulders, giving this unique item a dynamic posture. Qing Dynasty scholars surrounded themselves by beauty and inspiration; even the most humble of their tools was no exception. Each time the scholar used the rest he would contemplate the finely wrought image.