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Worcester Flight & Barr Hand-Painted Porcelain Tea Bowl, Circa 1790

£45

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Height: 5.5 cm (2.2")

Diameter: 8.5 cm (3.3")

Description

A finely painted Worcester porcelain tea bowl from the celebrated Flight & Barr period, dating to circa 1790. Elegant in form and beautifully finished, it reflects the refinement and technical ambition that distinguished Worcester porcelain at the close of the 18th century.

The delicately potted bowl is hand painted with a carefully composed decorative design, its luminous glazed porcelain providing a graceful ground for the painterly detail. Intended for the fashionable ritual of tea drinking, its handleless form sits comfortably in the hand and speaks to the intimate elegance of late Georgian tablewares. Tea bowls of this quality were valued both as useful objects and as expressions of taste, appearing at the centre of increasingly sophisticated tea services.

Following the acquisition of the Worcester factory by Thomas Flight in 1783, and the later involvement of Martin Barr, the factory continued its reputation for finely made, richly decorated English porcelain. Pieces from this period are admired for their balance of elegant forms, skilled decoration, and the enduring appeal of Worcester's long ceramic tradition.

A charming and collectible example of late 18th-century English porcelain, equally suited to a cabinet collection or as part of a refined tea and coffee service. Its small scale, hand-painted decoration, and historic Worcester attribution make it a delightful object for collectors of Georgian ceramics.

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