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CIZHOU GLAZED DRUM

\$2,980

c. 1900 • Henan, China • Slip, Glaze, Earthenware • Collection #ZHA056A

H: 16.0" Dia: 14.0"

This early 20th-century ceramic stool honors tradition with a drum-form shape and folk painted decoration. The earthenware drum is sculpted with gently swelling sides and is beautifully glazed with neutral earth-tones in a style characteristic of cizhou ware.

Loosely brushed in warm brown underglaze atop a creme-white slip base, one side of the drum is painted with chrysanthemum flowers, symbols of autumn and longevity, and the other with a pair of magpies amid plum blossoms, a motif for double happiness. Continued...



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A pattern of dots ringing the top imitates nails used to stretch a hide on an actual drum, and lion-shaped handgrips stamped into the sides imitate metal drop handles. Traditionally used as a place to rest one's feet, ceramic drum stools are ideal today as side tables, pedestals or garden seating.

