

TEAPOTS

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THE BEGINNING OF PORCELAIN

Early Porcelain

- During the Han Dynasty (206 BC–220 AD), Jingdezhen was known as Xiping. Historical records show that it was during this time porcelain began to be produced here.



THE BEGINNING OF PORCELAIN

The First Teapots

- Invented in China during the Yuan Dynasty (1271–1368)
- Ceramic teapot production became popular in the Ming Dynasty

Ming Dynasty Teapot



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THE BEGINNING OF PORCELAIN

The First Teapots

- Before teapots were invented, tea was traditionally made in cauldrons, or large pots, and served in bowls



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The First Teapots

- The most popular teapots from the early times were produced in the YiXing region of China



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Early Porcelain

- The earliest surviving example of a teapot has been dated to 1513 and is attributed to Gongchun

The First Teapots

- Early teapots were small and designed to serve one person
- Often the drinker would drink from the spout

PORCELAIN TEAPOTS

Teapots

- Teapots were shipped from China to Europe in the Late 17th Century with spices and other goods.

Blue & White Teapot



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PORCELAIN IN EUROPE

William Cookworthy

- 1768, Plymouth Porcelain factory was opened in the United Kingdom.



PORCELAIN IN EUROPE

Meissen Teapots & Porcelain

- In 1708 that Ehrenfried Walther von Tschirnhaus devised a way of making porcelain in Dresden Germany and started the Meissen factory in 1710



A Meissen porcelain teapot once owned by the mother of King George I, valued at more than three hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Credit Photograph by REUTERS / Suzanne Plunkett / Landov

PORCELAIN IN EUROPE

Bone China

Josiah Wedgwood

- Began in 1759, England
- Porcelain production began in 1812.



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PORCELAIN

In America...

- Boston was the epicenter of teapot production in Colonial America. These teapots were made of silver.



PORCELAIN

Ingredients

- Kaolin is the primary material from which porcelain is made

Other ingredients:

- feldspar, ball clay, glass, bone ash, steatite, quartz, petuntse and alabaster.

PORCELAIN

Ingredients

- Some teapots have a piece inside to keep the tea leaves separate in the water. This part is called a strainer or an infuser.



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PORCELAIN

Ingredients

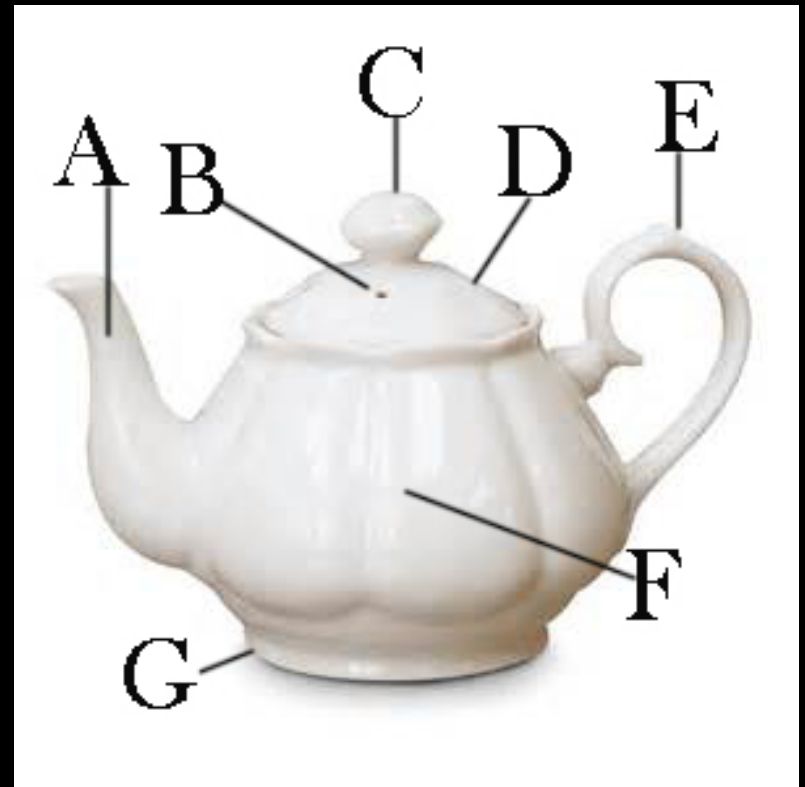
- Teapots should have a small hole in the lid. The purpose is that it allows the tea to pour without splashing.



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PARTS OF A TEAPOT

- Spout
- Lid hole
- Lid handle
- Lid
- Pot handle
- Body
- Foot



PARTS OF A TEAPOT

- Natural tannin sediment in an unglazed teapot should be left untouched as over time it will enhance the flavoring.



PARTS OF A TEAPOT

- The best way to wash out an the inside of a Yixing teapot that is unglazed on the inside is to wash with warm water, no soap and air dry.



TEAPOT TRIVIA

- The world's largest teapot is to be found in West Virginia. In 1938 The Chester Teapot was constructed by William "Babe" Devon.



TEAPOT TRIVIA

- In the world of Chinese tea the word "gaiwan" is a lidded cup for brewing and drinking tea.



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