George III Newcastle provincial silver pint mug

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Height: 130 mm (5.12")

Width: 135 mm (5.31")

Depth: 85 mm (3.35")

Weight: 325 g

Description

Classic George III antique bellied silver pint mug with a plain body, sitting on a round, graduated foot and featuring a leaf-capped scrolling handle that is comfortable to hold.

A silver mug is a lidless drinking vessel with a handle and English silver mugs were made in graduated sizes; the most common being the quart, pint, half pint and gill. The first pots (aka mugs) appeared in English taverns around 1650 and these early examples were tall with heavy banding, but around 1690 to 1700 mugs with plain bodies appeared.

In the mid-18th century, mugs with a tulip shape or a U-shaped body were introduced. Although many local or regional varieties of mug were made in the 19th century, a popular shape emerged and was variously known as the pear, belly or bulbous form and more mugs of this shape were made than of any other.