



Pseudo Tobacco Leaf dessert service in custom colours



*de Gournay*  
PSEUDO TOBACCO LEAF

FINE HAND PAINTED  
HAND THROWN PORCELAIN



Pseudo Tobacco Leaf soup bowl

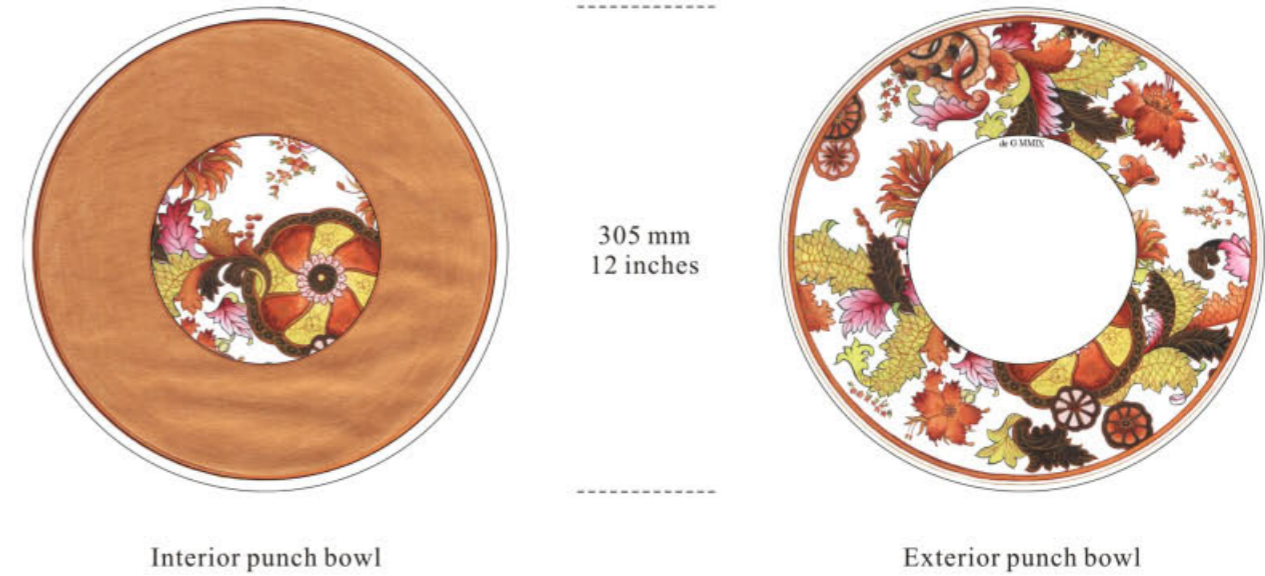
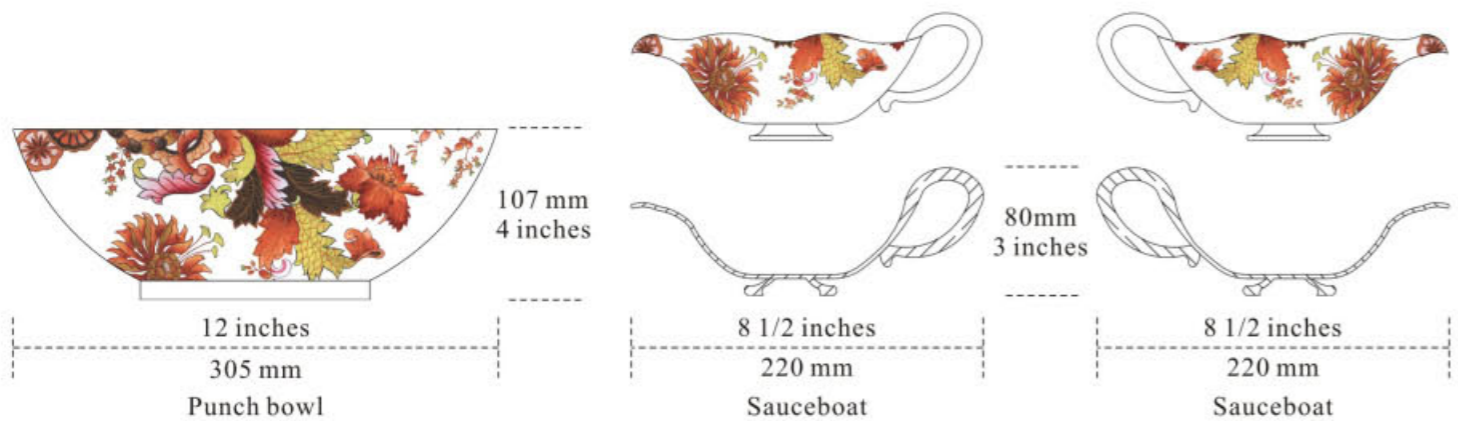
Each de Gournay service is entirely made and decorated by hand using centuries old traditional Oriental porcelain making techniques. Every piece in a service may be considered a work of art while the service viewed as a whole is a unique and all too rare expression of an ancient craft that has survived almost unchanged into the 21st Century and is in danger of being lost forever. Porcelain is very strong and plenty able to withstand the rigors of everyday use while de Gournay use only contemporary dishwasher safe enamels ensuring the product is as practical as it is beautiful.

de Gournay's Pseudo Tobacco Leaf dinner service is typical of late 18th century chinaware made specifically for export to the west during the early Qianlong period. The flamboyant decoration uses stylised sliced pomegranates and hibiscuses amidst saw-edged leafy tendrils in a characteristic chocolate brown, pale green, straw yellow, iron red and pink polychrome palette in a faithful reproduction of the original antique. Popular in period and still a favourite today, it lends itself well to reinterpretation by clients through de Gournay's specialty of customising patterns and colours.

At the first stage in the order process, de Gournay prepare scale colour design drawings of each porcelain piece being ordered to demonstrate the location of pattern on that shape and to show the effect of any design changes specified. These drawings are sent to the client for comment and if necessary then reworked and represented until approved for production. A typical set of design drawings is illustrated below featuring our large dinner plate, salad plate and side plate. Typical custom changes to this design would be adjustments to the colours, omissions and repositioning of part of the design or including on occasion the incorporation of armorial or personalised motifs.



The client can choose between two different types of plate shape (round and octagonal) and from a wide range of ancillary items in a variety of sizes, including a chocolate pot, tea pot, cream jug, sugar bowl, mugs, tea & espresso cups, serving tureens, punch bowls, wine coolers, sauce boats and many more. For a document on the full range please enquire. The pattern is fitted to and can be customised on any of these shapes in exactly the same way as described above for the flatware as the following sauce boat and punch bowl drawing examples demonstrate.



Once the design of your service is approved and your order placed, de Gournay will produce as many sample pieces as required to approve custom colour changes, specific colour requests, the glaze colour and the finish chosen before starting work on crafting the service itself. de Gournay's expertise allows clients to specify a range of finish options to achieve either a contemporary or a convincing antique feel or any option between these two. A typical service might take 16 weeks to decorate once the design is agreed upon.

The image below shows some of the pieces that resulted from the design drawings illustrated opposite.



Pseudo Tobacco Leaf wine cooler, dinner plate & soup bowl