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Greek Geometric Tankard

An ancient Greek Geometric pottery tankard with arching striated handle, the body with overall banding, flanking a central frieze of water fowl.

Geometric Period,
Ca. 750 - 725 BC.
Height. 7 in. (17.5 cm).



Geometric pottery production began as Greece reemerged from the Dark Age after the decline of Mycenaean Bronze Age civilization. Geometric pottery was austere but precise in its execution. The shapes and decorative motifs that would eventually be predominant in Classical Greek vase painting are at first evident in Greek Geometric pottery of the 8th century BC.

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