



Aryballos

Date

mid 6th century B.C.E.

Primary Maker

Unknown artist, Greek (Ancient)

Medium

Terracotta with slip

Description

Quatrefoil Type E arballos. "Aryballoi were used by athletes to hold oil that was rubbed onto the body before exercise or competition (Miller 2004, 14-15). They often appear hanging by a small strap from athlete's wrist in gymnasium scenes. In addition to this practical function, they were also a popular grave good and would have been a suitable votive offering in a hero sanctuary (Payne 1931, 290E). (SOURCE: The Walters Museum, Baltimore)"

Dimensions

Overall: 2 3/4 x 2 3/4 x 2 3/4 in. (7 x 7 x 7 cm)