



## Aryballos (oil container)

### Date

early 6th century BCE

### Primary Maker

Unknown artist, Greek (Ancient)

### Medium

Terracotta with slip

### Description

Squat aryballos with ring base and scale pattern. "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 (Height): 2 1/2 in. (6.4 cm) Rim (Diam.): 1 1/4 in. (3.2 cm)

Diameter (Max.): 2 in. (5.1 cm) Base (Diam.): 1 1/4 in. (3.2 cm)