



Silver-Gilt Teapot (kar nam ton) or Water-Pot (kanam)

Thailand, 19th century

23 cm high

1022 grams

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This silver-gilt teapot (kar nam ton) or water-pot (kanam) of globular form, sits on a raised circular foot and has an S-shaped spout. It is ornately decorated with compartments filled with floral patterns and animal motifs. The lid comprises circular tiers reminiscent of a pagoda, framed by a tall, swinging handlebar of rectangular shape with indented corners. The dense flora and ornate decorative motifs on this pot are Chinese in style and may indicate the work of a Chinese artist. Included are birds, dragons, a lion, and a tiger capturing its prey, set amongst blossoming flowers, bamboo leaves and cloud motifs. This pot is a particularly fine example due to its crisp decoration, rendered in repoussé and heightened with incisions. For a similar example, see Bromberg p. 198, no. 7.22.

Literature:

Bromberg, P. Thai Silver and Nielloware, River Books, Bangkok, 2019.