

A GUIDE TO VINTAGE CHINA SHOPPING

1. OBTAIN YOUR CHINA SHOPPING TOOLKIT. This consists of 3 items and your hands!

- Flashlight
- Magnifying Glass
- Hand Sanitizer



Use the flashlight to look for cracks, crazing, and chips. Go inside and behind your piece with the flashlight. Hold it up to the light to show through.

Use the magnifying glass in the same way for small imperfections.

Use your fingers and hands to run along the edge of the item for any roughness, chips or cracks.

Finish with your hands being sanitized!

2. CHECK YOUR ITEM FOR

- ✓ Cracks,, crazing, chips or crackling
- ✓ If looking at a teapot, examine the spout for cracks or roughness
- ✓ Presence of production mark or identifying cartouche

3. DETERMINE CONDITION

- ✓ EXCELLENT – No imperfections or flaws
- ✓ GOOD / GREAT – May have factory imperfections and minor wear
- ✓ FAIR – Some wear and condition issues from wear and damage. Will lower value.
- ✓ POOR – Damage and wear. Likely preserved for historical benefit.
- ✓ AS IS – Damage and wear, generally used to inform buyer of condition.



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