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EARLY 17TH CENTURY
SIZE : 10 CM HIGH X 13 CM WIDE
4 INS HIGH X 5 INS WIDE

LITERATURE

THIS SMALL RENAISSANCE VASE HAS A BEAUTIFUL FORM CARVED IN THE ANTIQUE STYLE FROM A RARE SPECIMEN OF MARBLE.
THERE IS AN AMPHORA CARVED IN THIS ALABASTRO FIORITO IN THE VILLA BORGHESE MUSEUM IN ROME. THE COLOUR OF THE STRIATIONS IN MARBLE CAN DIFFER FROM A PALE YELLOW TO ROSE TO A DEEP GOLDEN BROWN. IT WAS SOMETIMES USED TO GREAT EFFECT BY ANCIENT ROMANS FOR THE CARVED BUSTS AND SHOULDERS OF THEIR MORE IMPORTANT CLASSICAL MARBLE HEADS.