

Finch & C^o



ANCIENT ROMAN EROTIC BRONZE PATERA HANDLE

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CYLINDRICAL PHALLIC SHAFT

SMOOTH GREENISH / BLUE PATINA

1ST CENTURY BC – 1ST CENTURY AD

SIZE: 10CMLONG, 6.5CMWIDE – 4 INS LONG, 2½ INS WIDE

LITERATURE

THE REFINED AND CAREFUL DECORATION OF THIS HANDLE ONCE JOINED TO A BRONZE SHALLOW DISH OR PATERA
PRECLUDES IT BEING FROM A KITCHEN UTENSIL. DISHES WITH WELL CAST HANDLES FOUND AT POMPEII ARE
SOMETIMES THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN USED IN A BATH CONTEXT, BUT IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THEY WERE USED IN
TEMPLES AS SACRIFICIAL OFFERING DISHES.