

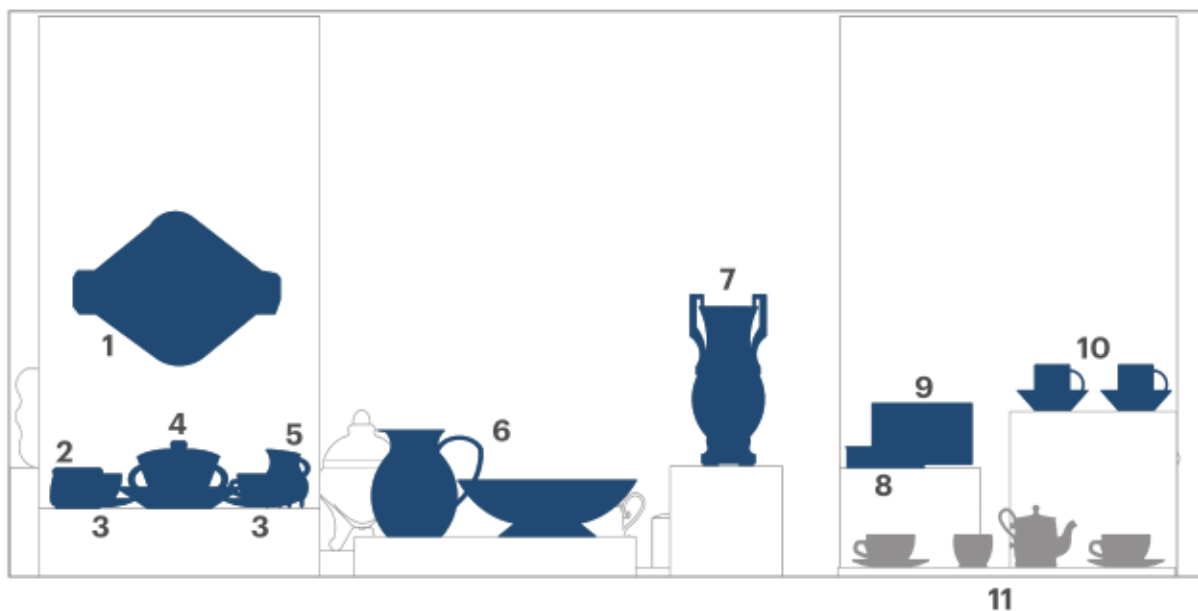
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The porcelain at Welbeck is one of the great collections of French porcelain in this country. It includes some rare and beautiful eighteenth century pieces, from a knotting/tatting shuttle and a magnificent jug and basin to an extraordinary tea service painted with a map of the Americas.

Many of these pieces show a lack of wear which suggests that they have always been treasured and displayed as a collection, rather than having been put to work for eating, drinking or hand washing.

Porcelain was discovered by the Chinese in the Middle Ages and pieces first reached Europe in the early 1500's. Before porcelain most people would have used crockery made from earthenware, pewter or wood. Europeans were fascinated by its pure white appearance and brilliant decoration and christened it 'white gold.'



1 Lozenge shaped tray, 1773

Sèvres, painted by
Jean-Etienne Chabry

Porcelain

2 Sucrier, 1773

Sèvres, painted by
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Porcelain

3 Two coffee cups and saucers, 1773

Sèvres, painted by
Jean-Etienne Chabry

Porcelain

4 Ecuelle, cover and stand, 1771

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Jean-Etienne Chabry

Porcelain

5 Small ewer, 1773

Sèvres, painted by
Jean-Etienne Chabry

Porcelain

6 Rosewater ewer and basin, 1754

Sèvres, painted by
André Vincent Vieillard

Porcelain

7 Baluster-shaped vase, around 1780

Sèvres

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8 A Vincennes oval shuttle or navette, 1754-1756

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9 Oblong tray, 1765

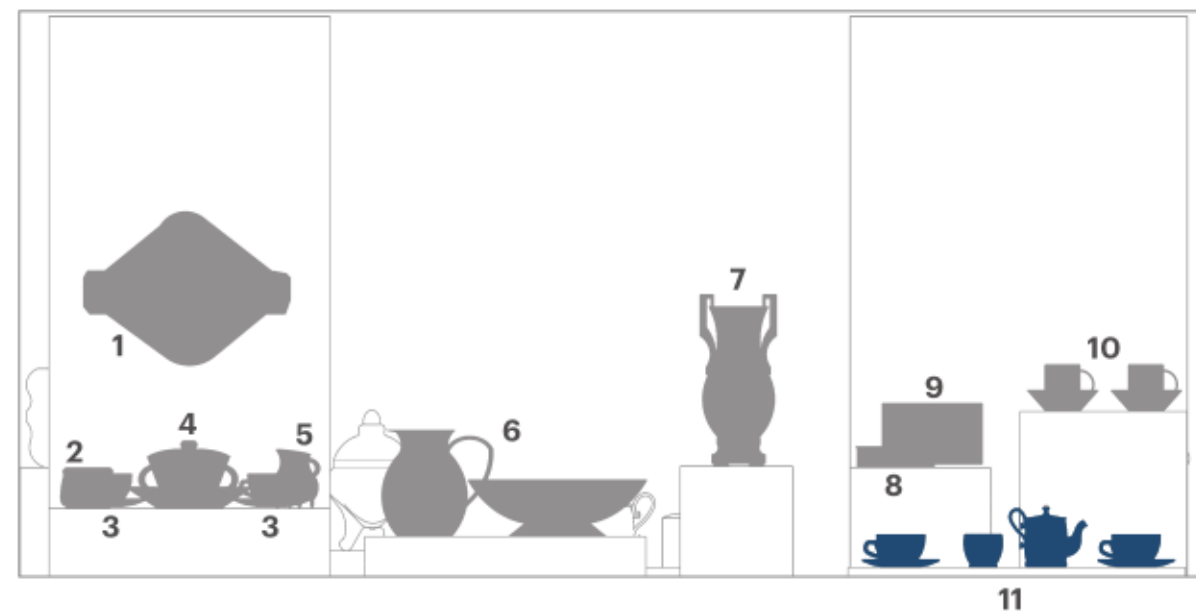
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10 Two coffee cups and saucers, 1768

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11 Cup and saucer, 1754

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11 Sucrier, 1754

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11 Teapot and cover, 1754

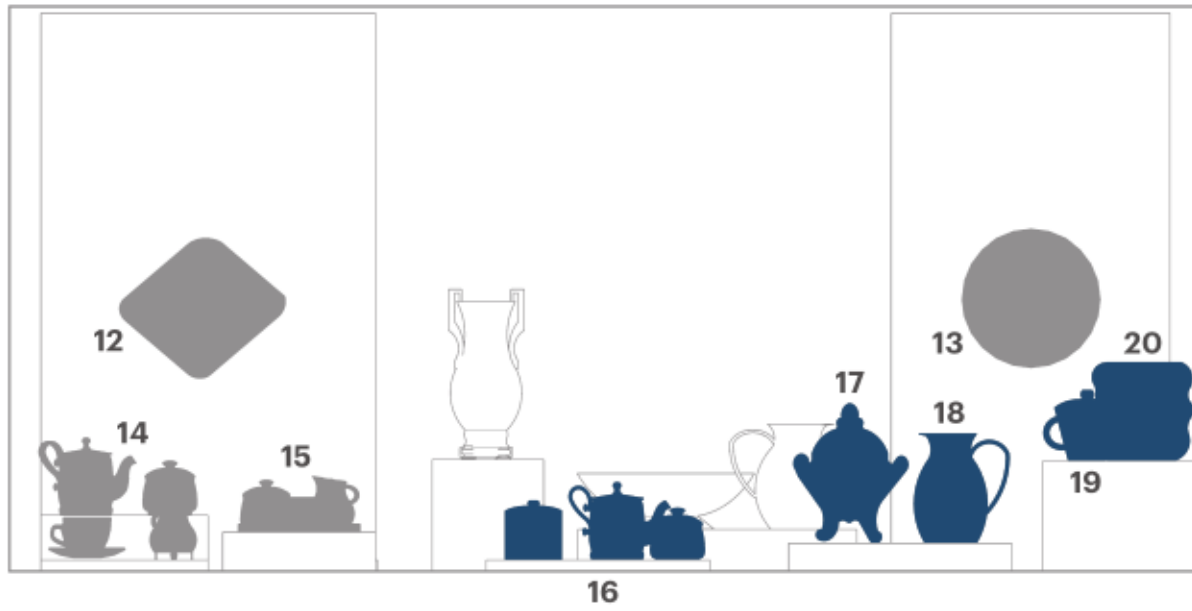
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16 Sucrier and cover, around 1770

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16 Teapot and cover, 1773

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17 Circular tureen and cover, 1757

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18 Ewer with twisted handle, 1700s

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19 Two-handled cup and cover, 1758–59

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20 Square-shaped tray, 1757

Sèvres
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