

## China: Artefacts

Code	Name	Description	Notes
CHIN01	Red slippers	One pair traditional, one pair child's modern	Western style clothes are becoming more common.
CHIN02	Red silk hat and waistcoat	Small child sized, traditional style	Red is thought to be good luck, especially to wear it at New Year.
CHIN03A CHIN03B CHIN03C	3 Sets of children's clothes	Small two-piece cotton outfits 1 Pale blue, 2 Red with motif	For a small child to try
CHIN04	Gold and red cloth	Traditional style silk, large piece	The motif here is for long life. Red is used for weddings and celebrations, white is used for funerals.
CHIN05	2 purses	Black silk with character, pale green with traditional picture	Silk is made from the cocoons of the larvae of worms. It has thought to have been made in China as long ago as 6000BC, but has certainly been made for over 5000 years.
CHIN06	2 Silk scarves	Long very silky, One striped, one flower pattern. Bright colours.	
CHIN07	Noodles	Packet of dry noodles	Noodles are very important in Chinese diet. They are usually made from wheat (in the north) or rice (in the south) there are a great many varieties.
CHIN08	Plaited wooden box with Willow pattern plate	Circular box, one small plate, one small saucer	Willow pattern story: No one knows the exact origin of the Willow legend. Some say the Willow pattern legend was invented in England, others that it was made in China as a way of telling a secret story. There is a poem that goes with the story: Two birds flying high, A Chinese vessel, sailing by. A bridge with three men, sometimes four,

			<p>A willow tree, hanging o'er.  A Chinese temple, there it stands,  Built upon the river sands.  An apple tree, with apples on,  A crooked fence to end my song.</p>
CHIN09	Hat - made in China	Green hat	<p>Made in China:  Many items that we use every day have been made in China. China has the biggest population in the world and can make things more cheaply than many other countries. Some people think that we buy too many things from China.</p>
CHIN10	Goofy - made in China	MacDonald's toy	
CHIN11	Pen and pencil set - made in China	Gold pen and pencil in box	
CHIN12	Sand paper weight - dragon	Made in China toy	Dragon important in Chinese culture - see below
CHIN13	10 Paper lanterns in Chinese plastic bag	Small multi-coloured lanterns	Lanterns are popular for decorations in China, especially at New Year
CHIN14	Small wooden Chinese figures in a box	Approx 15cm	<p>Miscellaneous artefacts:  Traditional materials and patterns which can be used to set a theme in a display.</p>
CHIN15	1 Decorated metal caddy	Dark blue, approx 20cm	
CHIN16	Wooden pencil/pen stand	Wooden 'doll' shaped pot for holding pens and pencils	
CHIN17	Set of Chinese bowls and spoons in a black box	Various styles	These small, ceramic bowls and spoons are typical for serving food in China. The designs and patterns are traditional.
CHIN18	1 Teapot.	Blue and white teapot in Chinese style	Tea is very important in Chinese culture. It is used as a drink, in cooking and in medicine. The way it is prepared and drunk is very important and is different depending on the purpose of the drinking. For example, it could be served as a sign of

			respect, at a family gathering or as an apology to someone. Each reason would require a different way of serving.
CHIN19	10 Chop sticks	Variety of styles of chopsticks in pairs	In China it is normal to hold the rice bowl up to one's mouth and use chopsticks to push rice directly into the mouth. It is impolite to spear food with a chopstick and/or play with the chopsticks.
CHIN20	1 Chinese writing set	Box containing inkstone and writing materials	A Chinese writing set is said to contain the 'four treasures of study': inkstone, inkstick, paper and ink brush. Chinese calligraphy is an art. Many different styles are used to create Chinese characters, which have symbols to represent words.
CHIN21	2 Fans in a box	One black, decorated fan.	In China, the folding fan came into fashion during the Ming Dynasty, between the years of 1368 and 1644. Chinese painters crafted many fan decoration designs, and the fan had social significance. How it was held was very important because you could give silent messages. Fans have even been used as weapons!
CHIN22	1 Map of China		China is a massive country. One quarter of the people in the world live there. It has many different landscapes from mountains to desert to forests and flatlands - as well as sea and rivers. There are differences in language, and custom between the people from the different areas.

CHIN23	Red wall hanging for luck x2	Heart shaped	Red is considered a lucky colour in China
CHIN24	Toothbrush and small tube of toothpaste	Hotel type with box	From a Chinese hotel - written with Chinese characters. Many places in China have Western - style hotels.
CHIN25	Two painted snuff bottles in box	Small painted glass bottles	Snuff (powdered tobacco), was introduced into China from Europe 400 years ago. Snuff was used as a medicine for colds, headaches, stomach disorders and many other illnesses. Like most other medicines in China it was put into bottles rather than boxes as was the European custom.
CHIN26	Musical Instrument in red box	Vertical flute style, bamboo instrument	Music is very important in Chinese culture. The scales used are different to those in the west ( 5 notes compared to our 8) so the music can sound strange to us. There are many regional variations. Many people today also enjoy listening to western music.
CHIN27	One bowl and spoon set	Small ceramic bowl and ceramic spoon decorated with traditional patterns	A traditional way of serving food

CHIN28A CHIN28B	2 Red Chinese dragon mobiles	Large plastic dragons that can be held and moved	The dragon is a powerful symbol in China. It represents the male (yang) and is thought to be the bringer of water and weather. At New Year there are often dragon dances with large puppet dragons held by people underneath. The dragon is one of the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac. More people are born in dragon years than in any other.
CHIN29	Box of paper dragons on sticks	Small decorations for parties etc	
CHIN30	Wall hanging - Chinese New Year. Twelve animals	Bamboo book style showing animals	
CHIN31A CHIN31B	Wall scrolls - Chinese New Year	Bamboo book style A: with traditional picture B: Animal zodiac	
CHIN32	4 Red tasselled Chinese character hangings	Approx 40cm long	For decoration. Red is thought to be a lucky colour. It is popular to say or give good luck messages at New Year.
CHIN33	Red tasselled paper/plastic ball cut paper lantern	Approx 50cm long, large ball and tassels	Chinese New Year ends in a lantern festival. The New Year is at the first lunar (moon) month of the Chinese Calendar. Lanterns come in all shapes and sizes. They are often red, which is considered to be a lucky colour.
CHIN34	Red five tier lantern	Approx 1m long and made up of five large balls	
CHIN35	Chinese Male Doll	Plush, in traditional dress, approx 40cm	
CHIN36	Chinese Female Doll		
CHIN37	Bamboo Steamer	Circular bamboo box with slats	Used for steaming vegetables or fish over a wok of boiling water.
CHIN38	Chinese notebook with inset piece of porcelain	Red notebook with handbound spine and inset piece of <i>Qunghua</i> red and blue porcelain. Explanatory card in book. Plastic case.	During the height of Chinese porcelain production the porcelain capital Jingdeshen had over 100,000 ceramic workshops producing china

CHIN39	Modern Chinese food	Nanfang black sesame paste. five individual sachets in main bag. Instructions and info in English on back	Nanfang black sesame paste is usually mixed with hot water and then drunk like Horlicks or Ovaltine. It's a comfort, healthy food.
CHIN40	Traditional snuff bottle	Glass bottle, painted internally, and traditionally used for snuff.	Snuff (powdered tobacco), was introduced into China from Europe 400 years ago. Snuff was used as a medicine for colds, headaches, stomach disorders and many other illnesses. Like most other medicines in China it was put into bottles rather than boxes. Snuff is no longer used today
CHIN41	Chinese knots of Beijing opera masks	Two embroidered knots with 4 squares of different colours and mask in centre	Beijing opera combines music, singing, mime, dance and acrobatics. The costumes are very colourful and elaborate and often use masks and headdresses.  Beijing opera has been performed for over 200 years
CHIN42	Chinese knots of Beijing opera masks	Two braid knots with vertical line of 3 masks on each.	
CHIN43	Chinese money	2 x 1 Yuan (green) 4 x 1 Jiao (brown)	1 Yuan is worth just under 10p 1 Jiao is worth just under 1p