

# Basic Detail Report

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**Title**

Kohl Tube Fragment with Name of Nefertiti

**Date**

about 1360 BCE

**Dimensions**

H: 1 in. (2.5 cm)

**Medium**

Faience

**Classifications**

Ceramics

**Credit Line**

Gift of Edward Drummond Libbey

**Object number**

1926.105

**Collections**

Decorative Arts

**Label Text**

This turquoise-blue fragment of a kohl tube (make-up container) bears a cartouche of Nefertiti, the consort of Pharaoh Amenhotep IV (later Akhenaten). The inscription, inlaid with darker blue paste, reads: "Nefernefruatón-Nefertiti, who lived (...)." This object reflects the distinctive religious reforms of the Amarna period, a brief era in Egyptian history when Akhenaten introduced monotheistic worship centered on the sun deity Aten. In this longer version of her name, Queen Nefertiti, who was deeply involved in the religious reforms of her husband, is referred to as "Nefernefruatón," which can be translated as "Beautiful are the beauties of Aten."

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