



<b>OBJECT ID</b>	2015.18.2
<b>OBJECT NAME</b>	Pitcher
<b>MEASUREMENTS</b>	21.1150200000 cm. H x 14.6050000000 cm. W, Item (Overall)
<b>MATERIAL</b>	Clay
<b>OBJECT ENTITIES</b>	Agiasos, Lesbos (created by)

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A medium-sized terracotta pitcher with a handle. The pitcher is a light orange-brown color. It has a small base and then widens towards the middle of the pitcher, before narrowing again to form a spout. The mouth has a lip shaped for pouring. There is a handle coming from the back of the spout and attaching to the wide part of the vessel. The sides of the pitcher are painted with simple images of white leaves, swirls, and criss-cross designs. There is paint on the handle, but it is mostly worn away and it is unclear what the design was. The spout is painted with criss-cross patterns and small leaves. The paint is worn away in some places. The clay is a bit lumpy where the handle attaches to the spout.

#### ORIGIN

This pitcher was donated by MaryAnn Pazianos Satryb, in honor of her parents, George M. and Anna G. Pazianos. The pitcher comes from the town of Agiasos (or Agiassos), on the island of Lesbos, which is known for producing earthenware pottery like this. Jugs and pitchers like this were used to hold water. Their porous nature allowed for evaporation, keeping the water inside the vessel cool. It is unclear whether this particular pitcher was used for utilitarian purposes or was simply decorative.

#### CITATION

Pitcher, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/08/21.