History of Benjarong

The origins of Benjarong are traced back to Ming Dynasty in China (1368 - 1644). The tradition has it about six hundred years ago, a princess from China married into Thailand royal family and brought with her Benjarong Porcelain. At that time, it is understood that Benjarong Porcelain was being made only for the emperor of China. Benjarong was then supplied from China to the king of Siam for several generations. Benjarong continuing to be produced in the small communities of artists with skills hand down from generation to generation, for the next four hundred years. During this period, Benjarong was produced exclusively for use in the palaces of the Siam royal family.

The ancient patterns of Benjarong are free-form (unstructured), such as the Vine Flowers (“Dok-Mai-Khod) and butterfly and contrast with the more structured and geometric patterns devised within Siam. Many of the Siam patterns were designed in the reign of King Rama II (1809 - 1824), but further patterns evolved over the next hundred years. In Particular, the trellis pattern dates to the reign of one their greatest kings, King Rama V (Or King Chulalongkorn 1868 - 1910).

Benjarong ware is a kind of painted porcelain in Thailand. The name literally means 'five colors'. The painted decoration usually consists of 3 to 8 colors. For the decoration, repetitive forms, usually geometric or flower-based, are used. A design is usually named after the decoration base name and a background color (for example, Phum Kao Bin on dark blue). Enamel colors are applied and overglazed, creating a swelling effect over the surface of the piece. The production process is incredibly labor intensive, as each of is applied individually and the piece is kiln fired after the application of each color. The firing process brightens the colors of the finished piece and adds to its beauty. Gold is also used in painting the porcelain. Each piece of Benjarong is made to order and produced by a highly skilled artist, with the employment of 18K gold on each piece of Benjarong.
Production process of Benjarong

The production of Benjarong is a process known to only a handful of families in Thailand which have passed it down through generations. The process of how it is made and how the patterns and paints are applied, are all considered as the masterpieces.

Porcelain Selection
White Porcelain (Bone China and Royal Porcelain) which have been selected must had been fired at the temperature between 1150-1280 degree Celsius for many hours. White ware must not have any defect. Once we get all white wares as required, the cleaning process is necessary to avoid oily surface from sweated hand.

Drawing
Draw line by hypodermic syringe and prepare as follow:-

- Clean internal and external of selected 1 CC syringe with thinner about 2-3 times and leave it until dry.
- Size of syringe is varied from 25 to 27. If you want a fine thin line then use no. 27 and no. 25 will give a thick line.
- Once syringe is ready in hand, then cut the sharp end tip off and have remaining part about 5-10 mm then rub the shaft edge off with sharpening stone or abrasive paper. Once finish, carry out external and internal cleaning by thinner again.
- Precaution to be taken when cutting the sharp end tip off by ensuring that the remaining part of syringe is not blocked by foreign material.
- Once everything are ready, re-assembly the syringe tightly and fill with gold paint up to half full of syringe then drawing can be performed.

Draw line by paint brush:-

It is done by separate gold paint in a small glass bottle 1”x1” (fill 1-2 cc in the bottle). Drawing can be performed straight away by using a sharp end tip brush.
**Painting**
Specialized paint for our Benjarong product is required for our skillful painting purpose. Paint must be well crushed and mixed with water in appropriate ratio. Ceramic or equivalent material mortar is used for crushing purpose. Watch for suitable ratio by not having too dry or too wet paint. This paint now ready for painting as required. They are various colors of paint but mainly 5 colors are being used as the basic. Right color is used for painting in each part that was designed by the artist and customer’s requirement. We do not allow to have too thick or too thin paint. If the paint is too thick, then it will not be completely fired and the color will not be shown as expected. Paint must not overlap with any line of the other color.

**Firing**
Once painting and inspection are completed, and If there is no defection found, then painted wares can now be put in the kiln. Leave the space between them 0.5-1cm. Precaution to be taken by no allow painted wares to touch each other as that would cause damaged paint after firing. Temperature in the kiln to be control between 1150-1280 degree Celsius and will take about 4-5 hours firing time. Once firing is completed, we shall leave Benjarong for a while to cool down the temperature, and then the products are ready to be taken off from the kiln.

**Quality Control**
Apart from strict control during each stages of production, we would check the quality of the finished Benjarong before delivery to the customer in order to make sure that the customer receive the items with great satisfaction.
Tips for taking care of your Benjarong

Our Benjarong would last for a lifetime and the colors will not be faded under the appropriate supervision. Thus, we are please to provide you with some tips for taking care of your Benjarong:-

1. These Benjarong are fragile which is similar to other ceramic, it would be shattered if dropped on the floor. Please keep out of reach from the children.
2. The colors used in making Benjarong are good quality which is to ensure that it will not be faded. However, please avoid direct exposure to sunlight for long periods.
3. Please do not place Benjarong in Microwave oven as it contain metallic gold.
4. You can safely wipe your Benjarong frequently with a soft dry cloth. Please make sure that there are no abrasive materials like Buttons, Hooks and Clips on the cloth used. Occasionally, you could use a very lightly moist cloth to wipe the Benjarong.
5. To clean a Benjarong dinner service piece such as a dinner plate, platter, sauce boat or tureen, it is advisable to hand wash only, as you would do with any other bone china.
6. Please make sure that your Benjarong are not rubbed with hard or pointed surfaces, Steel Vessels or Pins, as the Benjarong may be scratched and ruin out its artistic beauty.
7. Please do not wash with any silver because any rust from the silver could cause a grey mark on a piece of Benjarong dinner ware.
8. Please use soft sponge to clean Benjarong.
9. Please do not use cleaners or scouring agents
10. Please do not let your Benjarong sit in the sink or basin for a long period of time.
11. For the suggestion, you may keep your Benjarong In a closed glass showcase with the spot light in the showcase, so that you could enjoy its beauty with joy all the time.
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Description: 10’ Inch plate, Thai traditional design, Bone China component

Description: 11’ Inch plate, Thai traditional design, Bone China component
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Description: 11’ Inch plate, Thai traditional design, Bone China component

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Product: No. 9

Description: 6’ Benjarong Coffee Set composing of one teapot, one milk jar, one sugar jar and six sets of Coffee cup

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Description: Tea set, Golden Swelled Benjarong set, Heaven lotus Design
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Description: Dedication of rice to monk set, Golden Swelled Benjarong, Heaven lotus design

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Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Heaven lotus design, size 2’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Heaven lotus design, size 3’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Heaven lotus design, size 4’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Heaven lotus design, size 5’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Heaven lotus design, size 6’ Inch
Product: No.14

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 2’ Inch
Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 3’ Inch
Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 4’ Inch
Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 5’ Inch
Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 6’ Inch
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Description: 6’ Inch Earthen Jar, Swelled Benjarong, Heaven lotus design

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Description: Muk Glass Elephant design, Swelled Benjarong (contain saucer and upper cover)
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Description: Muk Glass (contain saucer and upper cover)

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Description: Muk Glass (contain saucer and upper cover)
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**Description:** Tea and Coffee Class, Swell Benjarong set
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Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 2’ Inch
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*Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Golden Duan design, size 2’ Inch*

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Product: No. 22

Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Golden Duan design, size 2’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Golden Duan design, size 3’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Golden Duan design, size 4’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Golden Duan design, size 5’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Golden swelled Benjarong, Golden Duan design, size 6’ Inch
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Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 2’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 3’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 4’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 5’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 6’ Inch
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Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 2’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 3’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 4’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 5’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 6’ Inch
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Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 2’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 3’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 4’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 5’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 6’ Inch
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Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 2’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 3’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 4’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 5’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 6’ Inch
Product: No. 27

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 2’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 3’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 4’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 5’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Size 6’ Inch
Product: No.28

Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Small size (Size S)

Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Medium size (Size M)

Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Small Large (Size L)
Product: No.29

Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Small size (Size S)

Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Medium size (Size M)

Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Small Large (Size L)
**Product: No.30**

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Heaven lotus design, Size 2’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Heaven lotus design, Size 3’ Inch

Description: Layer jar, Swelled Benjarong, Heaven lotus design, Size 4’ Inch
Product: No.31

Description: Tea set, Swelled gold Benjarong
Product: No.32

Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Small size (Size S)

Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Medium size (Size M)

Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Small Large (Size L)
Product: No.33

Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Small size (Size S)
Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Medium size (Size M)
Description: Tea set, Swelled Benjarong, Small Large (Size L)
Product: No.34

Description: Tea set, Golden Swelled Benjarong, Small size (Size S)

Description: Tea set, Golden Swelled Benjarong, Medium size (Size M)

Description: Tea set, Golden Swelled Benjarong, Large size (Size L)
**Product: No.35**

Description: Tea set, Golden Swelled Benjarong, Small size (Size S)

Description: Tea set, Golden Swelled Benjarong, Medium size (Size M)

Description: Tea set, Golden Swelled Benjarong, Large size (Size L)
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Description: Swelled Benjarong Casket, Small size/piece (Size S)

Description: Swelled Benjarong Casket, Medium size/piece (Size M)

Description: Swelled Benjarong Casket, Large size/piece (Size L)
Product: No.37

Description: Swelled Benjarong Casket, Small size (Size S)

Description: Swelled Benjarong Casket, Medium size (Size M)

Description: Swelled Benjarong Casket, Large size (Size L)
Product: No.38

Description: Swelled Benjarong Casket, Small size (Size S)

Description: Swelled Benjarong Casket, Medium size (Size M)

Description: Swelled Benjarong Casket, Large size (Size L)
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Description: Swelled Golden Tall Candlestick/pair

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Description: Swelled Golden Candlestick/pair
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Description: Champagne glass, Traditional design

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Description: Champagne glass, Modern design
**Product: No.43**

Description: Champagne glass, Traditional design

**Product: No.44**

Description: Swelled Benjarong coffee glass, Bone China component
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Description: Couple of coffee glass set, Swelled golden Benjarong

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Description: Ashtray, Swell Benjarong design
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Description: Swelled Benjarong coffee glass, Bone China component

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Description: Coffee Set, Swelled golden Benjarong (glass and saucer), Royal Component
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Description: Couple of coffee glass set, Swelled golden Benjarong

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Description: Swelled Benjarong layer jar, Size 3’ Inch
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Description: Benjarong coffee set composing of one teapot, one milk jar, one sugar jar and six sets of coffee glass

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Description: Kokka Swelled golden Benjarong
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Description: Muk Glass (contain saucer and upper cover)

Product: No.56

Description: Muk Glass (contain saucer and upper cover)
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Description: Coffee Set, Swelled golden Benjarong (glass and saucer), Royal component

Product: No.58

Description: Lotus Float, Swelled golden Benjarong
Product: No.59
Description: Lotus Float, Swelled golden Benjarong

Product: No.60
Description: Swelled golden Benjarong plate set consist of 8 pieces
**Remarks:**
1) Minimum Order Quantity is 5 pieces (mixed item is allow)
2) All Benjarong are handmade product being drawn by the specialized artist.
3) Each Benjarong are made up of grade A white porcelain component.
4) Each Benjarong is packed in Thai Silk Box. (Optional item)
5) Each Benjarong employ the use of 18k Gold.
6) Design and size can be customized depending on the customer’s requirement.