

TELL ATRIB

65. Spherical cup

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Late 3rd – 2nd century BC

H. 11 cm, W. 11 cm, Dia. rim 6.5 cm, Dia. base 3.7 cm

Nile silt mixed with marl clay

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Relief vessel pressed in a double mold. The small base is solid. The practically spherical body has the biggest diameter somewhere at shoulder level and the neck is wide and low. The seam joining the two parts of the vessel has been smoothed and framed with indentations. The ornament starts at the bottom with a register of plain wide leaves, each with a double line down the middle, ornamented with semicircular scales in the bottom part. Above this comes a row of alternating rosettes and *fleur-de-lis*, and on top of this the main register with figural decoration. Each of the two panels in this register presents a scene with symmetrical composition, depicting cattle being led by long-robed figures toward a burning altar between burning torches. A crown of Isis on one side and one of Osiris on the other flank each scene. Above these figural scenes there is a floral frieze composed of narrow leaves. A *kymation* of stylized leaves appears at the joining of shoulders and neck, the latter being decorated with a plaited wreath of leaves.

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K. Myśliwiec, *Ägyptisches und Griechisches im Werk der Künstler von Athribis*, *Städel Jahrbuch. Neue Folge* 19 (2004), p. 465, figs 7-10

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