

# Ornamental vase - With decoration imitating so-called Saracen (Arabic) silk fabric

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<b>Accession Nr.:</b>	78.24.1 
<b>Manufacturer:</b>	Zsolnay factory (Pécs)
<b>Date of production:</b>	ca. 1890
<b>Place of production:</b>	Pécs
<b>Inscription:</b>	a talpon masszába nyomva: Zsolnay / Pécs / 777, vörös alapon fehérrel: öttorony ábrája / ZSOLNAY PÉCS felirat
<b>Materials:</b>	porcelain-faience
<b>Techniques:</b>	cast; painted with polychrome eosin glazes
<b>Dimensions:</b>	height: 29,5 cm opening diameter: 3,7 cm base diameter: 7,1 cm

>The oriental decor – included griffins, dragons, qilin and palmette-leaves – adorning the Zsolnay vase, imitates the pattern of a 13th-century North African “Saracen” (Arabic) silk fabric preserved in the Museum of Applied Arts in Vienna. The ornamentation was published in Pattern Book of Friedrich Fischbach, titled *Ornamente der Gewebe* (Hanau 1874). (Fig. 15/B – see [here](#) and [here](#))

