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## A SET OF EIGHT HAND-PAINTED DELFT 5" GLAZED CERAMIC TILES

late 19th to early 20th Century, in the late 18th Century style, each painted with a roundel depicting vernacular buildings in a Dutch landscape, with stylised flowerheads to each corner,

DIMENSIONS: 13cm (5") Wide, 0.7cm (0<sup>1/4</sup>") Deep

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## **HISTORY**

A set of these characteristic blue and white tin-glazed tiles make a great splash-back or feature wall in a kitchen or pantry.

Delft became the centre of the production of these tiles from the 17th Century when the blue and white technique and styles of ornament were imported from China by Dutch merchants and emulated. Soon the Dutch were producing tiles depicting scenes from the world around them and competing tile manufacturers sprung up around Delft. The painters were deft in the speed they could paint and also became inventive with Biblical scenes, flowers, bawdy encounters and puns appearing in their work – these are highly collectable.

This set of tiles comprises eight differing designs. We have a few other sets from the same source – some repeating the same eight designs – again each is hand-painted – some batches have different patterns to these. These are salvaged tiles so they have crazing and abrasions to the surface and old cracks and chips to the edges.

Being from the same source, and before any sell, a total of 72 of these tiles is available at the outset: approximately 16square foot. Search "Delft" above to see

remaining batches.