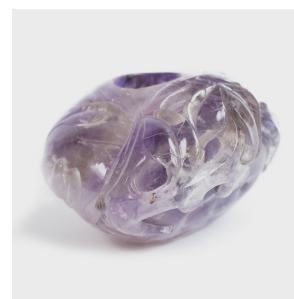
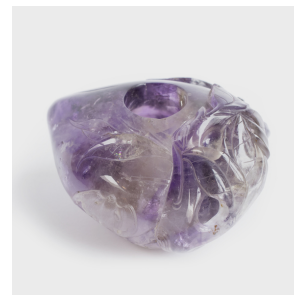
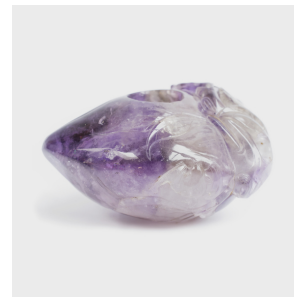

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AMETHYST PEACH BRUSH WASHER

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W: 4.0" D: 3.5" H: 2.75"

A Qing-dynasty scholar would have used this finely carved amethyst brush washer to rinse the ink from his calligraphy brush. Crafted from a single block of amethyst, the washer is shaped into a ripe peach, with curling leaves carved in low relief. Among the leaves is a curious fruit bat - a symbol of happiness and good fortune. An emblem of longevity, the peach figures prominently in the Ming-dynasty novel "Journey to the West," wherein the Monkey King Sun Wukong eats from the heavenly peach garden to obtain immortality.



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