

SA1081134

Antique French Ormolu & Marble Double Encrier Inkstand Standish 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA1081134****Date of manufacture: 1870**

Dimensions

Height = 17 cm (6.7")

Width = 30.5 cm (12.0")

Depth = 15 cm (5.9")

Description

This is a wonderful antique French Empire Revival ormolu mounted and patinated Verde Antico marble inkstand, Circa 1870 in date. Of rectangular form with a pair of raised inkwells having ormolu covers, surmounted by a central spread eagle. There is no mistaking its unique quality and design, which is sure to make it a treasured piece by any discerning collector. Condition: In really excellent condition having been beautifully cleaned and waxed in our workshops, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 17 cm x Width 30.5 cm x Depth 15 cm Dimensions in inches: Height 7 inches x Width 1 foot x Depth 6 inches Ormolu - Gilt Bronze (from French 'or moulu', signifying ground or pounded gold) is an 18th-century English term for applying finely ground, high-carat gold in a mercury amalgam to an object of bronze. The mercury is driven off in a kiln leaving behind a gold-coloured veneer known as 'gilt bronze'. The manufacture of true ormolu employs a process known as mercury-gilding or fire-gilding, in which a solution of nitrate of mercury is applied to a piece of copper, brass, or bronze, followed by the application of an amalgam of gold and mercury. The...

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