

SA1197502

Antique French Giltwood Overmantel Rococo Mirror 18th Century 92x64cm

Price

GBP 1,950

| USD \$2,634 | EUR 2,281

Item Reference: SA1197502**Date of manufacture: 1750**

Dimensions

Height = 92 cm (36.2")

Width = 64 cm (25.2")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

This is a lovely antique French Louis XVI giltwood over mantel mirror, circa 1770 in date. The rectangular shaped frame features its original mirror plate with a carved giltwood frame decorated with C scrolls and foliate and floral ornamentation. It features a beautiful floral, foliate and acanthus cresting with out-set corners. The quality and craftsmanship of this elegant piece are absolutely superb. Condition: In really excellent original condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 92 cm x Width 64 cm x Depth 6 cm Dimensions in inches: Height 3 foot x Width 2 feet, 1 inch x Depth 2 inches Mirrors are commonly used for personal grooming or admiring oneself (in which case the archaic term looking-glass is sometimes still used), decoration, and architecture. The earliest manufactured mirrors were pieces of polished stone such as obsidian, a naturally occurring volcanic glass. In classical antiquity, mirrors were made of solid metal (bronze, later silver) and were too expensive for widespread use by common people; they were also prone to corrosion. Due to the low reflectivity of polished metal, these mirrors also gave a darker image than modern mirrors.

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