

SA1197895

Antique Meiji Japanese Kutani Peony Gold Platter, Shoza Style

Price

GBP 2,000

| USD \$2,706 | EUR 2,340

Item Reference: SA1197895

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 5.5 cm (2.2")

Width = 30.8 cm (12.1")

Depth = 22.4 cm (8.8")

Description

Imagine a piece that instantly catches the eye and becomes the centre of attention. Before you is a magnificent antique Japanese tray, where the main focus is a lush floral composition. The surface blooms with magnificent peony flowers, a traditional Japanese symbol of wealth, prosperity, and nobility. Large buds tightly intertwine with graceful foliage, creating an incredibly dynamic and lively design. The palette is striking in its depth, utilising contrasting shades of deep blue, iron-red, turquoise, and delicate pink. The rim of the tray is framed by a complex ornament that masterfully imitates the texture of expensive silk brocade, while the exterior is delicately decorated with a classic natural motif of trailing grapevines. The secret to such expressiveness lies in the highly complex execution technique. The flowers are crafted in the relief moriage manner: the petals are literally sculpted from overglaze enamels, creating a three-dimensional effect and a pleasant tactile texture. The master flawlessly controlled each layer so that the enamel would not run during firing. All free space is filled with a solid wash of matte gold in the Kinrande style. This required ...

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