

SA1215262

A Charming Crofter Armchair, Fair Isle, 18th Century

Price

GBP 1,850

| USD \$2,503 | EUR 2,165

Item Reference: SA1215262

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 94 cm (37.0")

Width = 63 cm (24.8")

Depth = 56 cm (22.0")

Description

All pieces of antique furniture are unique, but some are more unique than others..... A really wonderful Oak and Driftwood Crofter Armchair, Fair Isle, Scotland. Late 18th Century A unique piece of furniture, still as solid and sturdy as the day it was made. It is period throughout, with a frame made from oak and the sides constructed from what appear to be fish-boxes. The seat is made from a piece of tongue and groove timber, possibly driftwood, certainly re-purposed. With wood being extremely scarce on Fair Isle and Shetland, fish-boxes and scavenged driftwood were used for furniture construction, making each of these pieces of furniture unique and a valuable part of Scottish vernacular furniture history. The half bobbin carved uprights to the arms are typical of a Fair Isle Crofter Chair. The solid lower back and sides no doubt kept out the drafts as it sat beside the peat fire through those long, cold Fair Isle night's. It is comfortable to sit in, even without a cushion, with its gently sloping angled back. Charming already, but combined with a Shetland wool Fair Isle cushion and blanket this would make a lovely snug spot to sit beside the fire. It measur...

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