

SA415978

Chinoiserie Side cabinet

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA415978****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 117 cm (46.1")

Width = 120 cm (47.2")

Depth = 56 cm (22.0")

Description

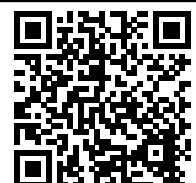
Demi Lune Chinoiserie side cabinet with a ball and claw foot and shaped apron. Each panel featuring typical Chinoiserie decoration. The interior with adjustable shelves. Original lock and key. A stunning piece of furniture that would surely be a conversation piece. Chinoiserie, from 'chinois' the French for Chinese, was a style inspired by art and design from China, Japan and other Asian countries. In the 18th century porcelain, silk and lacquerware decoration imported from China and Japan were extremely fashionable. This led many British designers and craftsmen to imitate Asian designs and to create their own fanciful versions of the East. In 18th-century Britain, China seemed a mysterious, far-away place. Chinoiserie drew on this exotic image. Objects featured fantastic landscapes with fanciful pavilions and fabulous birds, sometimes inspired by those depicted on actual Chinese objects. To British designers Chinese and Japanese dragons summed up all that was strange and wonderful about the East. These mythical beasts became common Chinoiserie motifs. The sweeping lines of the roofs of Chinese pagodas were incorporated into a wide range of Chinoiserie objects. S...

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