

SA417685

18TH CENTURY MARQUETRY INLAID OVAL TEA CADDY

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA417685****Date of manufacture: Georgian**

Dimensions

Height = 12 cm (4.7")

Width = 14 cm (5.5")

Depth = 9 cm (3.5")

Description

A good late 18th century George III marquetry inlaid OVAL TEA CADDY in fine original condition. Veneered overall in sycamore ('harewood') this pretty is inlaid to the lid with anthiemon and with flowers to the front. The lid opens to reveal the inner lid and some of the original lead lining. Original working key. 5.75ins (14.5cms) wide.

*Tea was a fashionable and expensive commodity in the 18th century, consumed only by the wealthy.

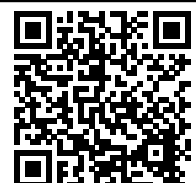
Consequently the boxes or "caddies" in which tea was stored, to keep it dry and safe, were finely made and sometimes highly decorative. Today they are avidly collected, particularly if small, of unusual or elegant shape and sometimes if constructed of unusual materials.

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