

SA499176

A late 19th century oak framed
Orkney chair

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA499176

Date of manufacture: 1900

Dimensions

Height = 107 cm (42.1")

Width = 63 cm (24.8")

Depth = 63 cm (24.8")

Description

The back is constructed from black oat straw and bent grass, bound together with cord made from twisted bent grass. The back is almost straight for around 10 rows of straw weave before it curves smoothly out to create a comfortable supportive seat. The drop in seat is constructed from an oak frame and rush seating and is in good condition. The four square legs have under stretchers between them to stabilize the chair and all have tight pegged joints. The Orkney chair has developed through local island tradition, most likely originating from a humble piece of furniture that the islanders could make for themselves with local materials that were readily available. In its very early stages the chair's design was a simple low round stool covered with straw. It was then developed into a low chair in later years by adding of a straw back around two feet in height. This design is thought to be a practical aspect, to shelter the occupant from the cold draught in their Orkney Croft. The chair is un-signed but could be a "D M Kirkness" chair made at the end of the 19th century, similar ones can be seen in Bernard D Cottons book on Scottish Vernacular Furniture on pages 250-261. 1070mm...

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