

SA670844

Antique English Coromandel and Tunbridge Ware Box c.1850

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA670844****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Dimensions

Height = 7 cm (2.8")

Width = 24.8 cm (9.8")

Depth = 8.9 cm (3.5")

Description

A superb glove box dating to the mid-nineteenth century with the highly sought-after combination of exotic Coromandel wood and micro-mosaic Tunbridge Ware / Tunbridgeware. The interior has been professionally re-lined in a hand-marbelled paper and the box comes with a working tasselled key. Excellent condition, measuring 9 3/4" x 3 1/2" x 2 3/4". The term Tunbridge Ware originally described wooden objects made as a sideline by woodworkers in the Tonbridge area for sale to the many visitors thronging to the nearby Wells. An early form often consisted of whitewood items carrying printed labels depicting local scenes. The distinctive mosaic style, made by glueing sticks of different woods side by side and then slicing it into layers, came in the mid- 19th century, and it is this form that is now generally understood by the term 'Tunbridge Ware'. Nowadays the ware is usually associated with Tunbridge Wells, but there is good reason to suggest it originated in Tonbridge. In 1847 Tunbridge Ware was described as the 'only manufacture of consequence' established in Tonbridge town. FREE Worldwide Registered Airmail Directly From London, England ITEM ID 34148

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