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Antique English Inlaid Mahogany Artist's Watercolour Box By Winsor & Newton

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA88979****Date of manufacture: 1850**

Description

These highly sought-after Victorian paint boxes are particularly a joy to find made by the famous Winsor & Newton. This one dates to dates to around 1850 and made of Mahogany with the lid decorated with a fan inlay and a boxwood stringing. In 1835, Winsor and Newton developed the first moist water colours utilising the moisture-retaining properties of a recently discovered material, glycerine. The new water colour pans were much simpler and more convenient to use than water colour cakes and quickly earned well-deserved popularity. Artists such as Turner were now able to paint outdoors prolifically in water colour. Royal recognition came early for Winsor and Newton in the form of appointment as artists' colourmen to Queen Victoria in 1841 and the issuing of the Royal Warrant. The front has an inlaid escutcheon which houses the working key and there is a flush brass inlaid handle to the front of the drawer. The box opens to reveal a fully fitted interior and the inside of the interior lined with the retailers paper label, quite wonderful and highly decorative. The top section has a lift out tray containing the oblong paint cakes, a porcelain bowl and a glass bowl. The ...

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