

**SA91829**

## Rare English Georgian Miniature Chest of Drawers Inlaid With Britannia Inlay c.1800

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA91829****Date of manufacture: 1800**

## Description

An exceptional miniature bow-fronted miniature measuring 7" wide x 4 3/4" deep x 9 1/4" tall and made from mahogany and dates to around 1800, George III in period. It looks to perhaps have been fitted as a sewing box as the bottom drawer if fitted with sections that look like they may have held cotton spools. All the drawers retain their original red paper lining, it would make the most wonderful Jewelry box should you wish to put it to use. The fronts of each drawer have metal pulls I believe the bottom two are Victorian replacements and one is a newer replacement, although you would never know. They front's are also inlaid with with faux escutcheons. Obviously the inlay on the top is what makes this a star piece with a beautiful inlaid Britannia scene holding the shield with the British Lion at her feet. Her love of peace was indicated in the sprig of olive clasped in her left hand. This perhaps harked back to her ancient past, for it was Athena who, according to her myth, gave the first olive tree to her city of Athens. In modern times, Britannia remains the universally recognised personification of Britain. A wonderful and unique piece for the discerning collector...

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