

SA963733

Antique French Ormolu Bevelled Glass Bijouterie Table Top Display Cabinet 19th C

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA963733****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 31 cm (12.2")

Width = 41 cm (16.1")

Depth = 28 cm (11.0")

Description

This is an elegant antique French ormolu and bevelled glass table top bijouterie cabinet, circa 1880 in date. It is of Neo-Grec style and of rectangular form with hipped top and pull up door which opens to reveal blue silk padded interior. Bijouterie tables were designed to store and display a collection of small valuable items, they are also called table vitrines, and display tables. Condition: In excellent condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 31 x Width 41 x Depth 28 Dimensions in inches: Height 1 foot x Width 1 foot, 4 inches x Depth 11 inches Ormolu - (from French 'or moulu', signifying ground or pounded gold) is an 18th-century English term for applying finely ground, high-carat gold in a mercury amalgam to an object of bronze. The mercury is driven off in a kiln leaving behind a gold-coloured veneer known as 'gilt bronze'. The manufacture of true ormolu employs a process known as mercury-gilding or fire-gilding, in which a solution of nitrate of mercury is applied to a piece of copper, brass, or bronze, followed by the application of an amalgam of gold and mercury. The item was then exposed to extreme heat until the mer...

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