

SA971968

Antique Prisoner of War Straw Reel Box

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA971968****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

An early 1800s Prisoner of War split and coloured straw work reel box with bone handles, all four bone reels inside and four bone thread apertures. The thread would have been pulled through the apertures when in use. The lid and sides are decorated with birds & foliage and the colours are still quite bright on this box. It measures 16cm l x 7cm w x 5.2cm d. Prisoners of War made numerous items, including straw boxes, bone domino sets & snuff boxes. They were made to sell in the markets surrounding the prisons. Trade between prisoners and the outside world regularly took place at these markets. Here the prisoners would exchange their goods for money, which they would spend on food, gambling or to save for when they were released.

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