

Oval gilt painted tole ware tray table

£265



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Height: 50 cm (19.7")

Width: 62 cm (24.4")

Depth: 48 cm (18.9")

Description

An oval early 19th century gilt painted tole ware tray later mounted on a painted folding table stand. Tray circa 1830. Stand circa 1910.

Tole ware is decorative and functional household items made from tin or thin metal sheets, often painted and varnished. Originating in the 18th century, this craft became popular in Europe and America, especially for trays, boxes, and kitchenware.

Artisans typically hand-painted floral patterns, fruits, or landscapes in bright colours, then sealed the designs with lacquer for durability. The style is associated with folk art traditions and reflects both utility and beauty.

Collectors value antique tole ware for its craftsmanship and charm, while modern reproductions continue to celebrate the intricate artistry of this timeless decorative tradition.