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18th-Century Tooled Leather Draughtsman's Instrument Set

£295

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Height: 3 cm (1.2")

Width: 23 cm (9.1")

Depth: 10 cm (3.9")

Description

A fine 18th-century draughtsman's instrument set, presented in a beautifully tooled leather case and containing an array of finely engineered drawing instruments. Both practical and decorative, it is an evocative survival from the age of scientific enquiry, exploration, surveying, and architectural design.

The fitted leather case is richly tooled and carefully made, enclosing the instruments in a compact and portable arrangement. Within, the precision-made components reflect the exceptional skill of the period's specialist instrument makers, when accuracy of line, scale, angle, and proportion was essential to the work of architects, surveyors, engineers, navigators, and military draftsmen.

Sets of this quality were valuable working tools, often commissioned or acquired by professionals and gentlemen with scientific interests. The combination of finely made instruments and an elegant protective case speaks to the importance placed on both function and presentation in the 18th century. The warm patina of the leather and the intricate craftsmanship of the instruments give the set considerable visual appeal, even when displayed open as a cabinet object.

A handsome and scholarly piece, ideal for collectors of scientific instruments, architectural antiques, cartographic material, or objects relating to the history of design and engineering. It would make a distinguished addition to a library, study, or collection of 18th-century works of art and technology.

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