

Early 19th century Japanese tea table, circa 1800

£245



Description

Early 19th century Japanese lacquered and gilt painted tea table, circa 1800.

Japanese lacquered furniture, known as "urushi," dates back to the Jomon period (10,000-300 BCE). The craft flourished in the Edo period (1603-1868), with artisans perfecting intricate techniques like *makie*, where gold or silver powder is sprinkled onto wet lacquer. This art form became renowned for its durability, beauty, and intricate designs.

Often adorned with intricate designs, these pieces blend functionality with art, showcasing motifs like nature scenes or abstract patterns. The meticulous process reflects Japan's rich cultural heritage and artistic tradition.