

## Large Louis XV Bergère Chair, 18th Century



## 1 800 EUR

Period: 18th century

Condition: Très bon état

Width: 70 cm Height: 99 cm Depth: 80 cm

## Description

This attractive Bergère chair, in afiddle-shaped cabriolet, is carved from 18th-century beech. The deeply molded crossbars of thebackrests and seat, as well as the tops of the legs, feature avigorously carved flower decoration. The whip-shaped armrests are fittedwith cuffs. The base features an elegant curve, themoldings of which meet those of the fretted crossbars. The generous proportions and quality ofcraftsmanship give this chair perfect comfort and elegance. Beautifulupholstery with floral and plant decorationDimensionsH. 99 cm x W. 70 cm x D. 80 cmFrance - Parisian workBeech18th centuryThe term "bergère" appearedaround 1725. Initially reserved for intimate rooms (bedrooms orboudoirs) as it was inherited from the 17th century "confessionalarmchair," the bergère chair invited

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relaxation. It thenappeared in what we now call "the living room," a placewhere women would ensure greater conviviality by offering their guests comfortable seating. Mainly inspired by the shapes andornamentation of Louis XIV period chairs, the bergère chair wastransformed into a large, enveloping armchair with full sides, meaning there was no gap between the armrests and the seat. Thisdeep, padded seat is topped with a large removable cushion, adding to the comfort of the seat. There is no source that offers us the origin f its name. But it is possible that the name "bergère"refers to the tapestries with rural decorations depicting shepherdsthat were very fashionable at the beginning of the 18th century andwhose seats were upholstered.