



## Wrought Iron Washstand Foot, Italy Or Southern France, 15th Century



3 800 EUR

Period : Before 16th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Wrought iron

### Description

Beautiful and rare washbasin holder from the 15th century, very beautiful quality of metal representative of the know-how of the ironworkers of the Middle Ages. Indeed, this one presents a tour de force at the top of the base, composed of four twisted rods, forming an interlacing of knots. The 3 feet in the shape of lobes interrupted by a square knot, the meeting point between the terminal foot in claw and the lobe in the shape of a pyramid punctuated by a ball rod. The top part supporting the basin, composed of a hot assembly of three flat rods, two of them ending in a pyramidal point, the third in a socket receiving a wrought iron support, probably intended for the installation of a ewer or coquemar (see photo) washbasin holders were very widespread in the Middle Ages, and until the

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17th century. Indeed, the custom was that we wash our hands before and after meals because we were used to eating with our fingers. A servant standing nearby poured the scented (or not) water from a ewer. The metal or wooden base supported a basin, here in hammered copper (not original). Good condition for the period. Max height: 132 cm Max width at ground: 71 cm Height at basin: 89 cm