



Wood And Metal Printing Block - France, Circa 1900



130 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Très bon état

Material : Solid wood

Width : 38

Height : 42

Depth : 4

Description

An intriguing wood printing block with metal inserts in relief, originally used for textile or paper printing. French work, circa 1900. The surface features a dense and organic composition of stylised vegetal motifs and flowing forms, approaching abstraction and echoing late 19th-century decorative vocabularies, somewhere between naturalism and early Art Nouveau. The relief is created through a combination of carved wood and metal elements, designed to transfer the pattern through repeated inking. The piece reflects a refined level of craftsmanship, balancing technical precision with visual richness. On the reverse, a partially legible handwritten inscription reads: "Dessin B coin", likely referring to a workshop or design reference. Now repurposed as a wall-mounted

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decorative object, this matrix offers a striking presence, at the intersection of workshop tool and abstract composition. The warm patina of the wood, contrasted with darker metal elements, gives it a strong, almost industrial yet highly contemporary character. Dimensions: Height: 42 cm Width: 38 cm Depth: 4 cm Condition: Good overall condition, with wear consistent with its original use.