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## Persian Box Khatam Kari Marquetry Stars Wood Middle East 18th Century

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Period : 18th century

Condition : Bon état

Length : dimensions 34 cm x 24,5 cm

Height : 15 cm

### Description

Large Persian "Khatam Kari"\* wood and marquetry box with mosaic decoration of stars and geometric motifs, Middle Eastern origin, late 18th century. late 18th century. This box is in good overall condition. We have its key, the lock works. Please note: the keyhole is missing, there are a few accidents and on the star marquetry and on the fillets on the edges and corners, the hinges are a little worn (and oxidized), tiny cracks, scratches and wear from the passage of time, take a good look at the photos. \* The Khatam kari is a fine, meticulous work of marquetry whose earliest examples date back to the Safavid era: khatam was so highly prized at court appreciated by the court to such an extent that some princes learned the same way as music, painting or calligraphy. Khatam-kari" is

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thus "inlay work". This technique consists in creating motifs, usually star shapes, by inlaying star shapes, by inlaying thin strips of wood (ebony, teak, jujube, orange, rose), brass (for the gilded parts), and camel bone (white parts). (white parts). Decorated objects are legion: boxes, chess sets chess or backgammon sets, picture frames, pipes, desks, or even musical instruments. The khatam can also be associated with the famous Persian miniatures, creating veritable works of art. Created techniques imported from China and enhanced by Persian know-how, this craft has existed for over 700 years. Dimensions 34 cm x 24.5 cm Height 15 cm E10 501 All photos are on: [www.antiques-delaval.com](http://www.antiques-delaval.com)