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Minuscula - Museum - Set Of Three Carved Boxwood Straw Cutters - Folk Art

295 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Solid wood



Description

Late 19th century Massif Central, France A rare and exquisite set of three carved boxwood straw splitters, a remarkable example of folk art and traditional craftsmanship from the Massif Central in the late 19th century. These small tools were used to split strands of straw lengthwise into thin strips, primarily for use in straw marquetry. The central point was used to grip the strand, which was then split as it passed between the splitter's various prongs. Particularly interesting for their folk art character, the three examples are all different and attest to the genuine care taken in the manufacture of these strictly functional tools. Their handles and blades thus feature a wide variety of incised and carved geometric designs: crosshatching, grids, striations, recessed motifs, and dots reminiscent of leopard spots. Despite

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their small size, some display particularly meticulous carving, even on the very fine prongs used to split the straw. This attention to decoration transforms these modest work tools into true small works of folk art, in which their utilitarian function is complemented by a particularly endearing aesthetic sensibility. The three straw splitters are preserved in perfect condition. On the largest one, the central tip is particularly short and unobtrusive; it is nevertheless clearly present, as are the very fine splitting fins. This collection of three antique examples, each distinct in shape and decoration, constitutes a particularly interesting set for the study of small traditional tools associated with straw work and rural crafts in the Massif Central. A rare collection of small traditional tools, straddling the line between utilitarian objects, artisanal craftsmanship, and folk art. Condition: In perfect condition. All three pieces have retained their very fine splitting fins. Beautiful antique patina on the boxwood. Shipping: ALL SHIPMENTS ARE MADE EXCLUSIVELY VIA DHL EXPRESS.