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Baltic Maple Sewing Table - Neoclassical Piece From The Baltic Region, Circa 1800



1 800 EUR

Period : 19th century

Condition : Restauré par notre atelier

Width : 53 cm

Height : 74 cm

Depth : 35 cm

Description

This elegant antique maple sewing table, crafted in the Baltic region around 1800, is a refined example of late Neoclassical furniture, combining practical ingenuity with harmonious proportions and the natural beauty of finely grained wood.The table is characterized by a distinctive octagonal top resting over a central drawer which, when opened, reveals a carefully compartmentalized interior containing six small removable boxes, each featuring a delicately turned bone handle. Designed for the organized storage of sewing tools and needlework accessories, this layout attests to the precision of traditional cabinetmaking and the emphasis placed on functionality in early 19th-century domestic furniture.The structure rests on four gracefully curved saber legs, connected by a slightly

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concave lower crossbar that provides additional stability while enhancing the piece's visual lightness. Delicate smoked maple moldings adorn the edge of the tabletop and the drawer crossbar, creating a subtle contrast with the warm, honey-toned maple surfaces.The wood's lively grain and luminous character are highlighted by a hand-polished finish, emphasizing the material's natural richness and the understated elegance of this neoclassical sewing table from the Baltic region.Historical Context and Function Dating from around 1800, this antique sewing table from the Baltic region reflects the refined domestic culture of Northern Europe at the turn of the 18th and 19th centuries.Sewing tables, also known as work tables or craft tables, were designed to hold the materials and tools used for embroidery, sewing, and other domestic textile activities. Their compact proportions, specialized compartments, and elegant construction made them both practical pieces of furniture and sophisticated elements that enhanced private interiors.During this period, cabinetmakers increasingly combined functional design with the principles of neoclassical aesthetics, emphasizing geometric clarity, balanced proportions, and the expressive qualities of carefully selected woods.The compartmentalized interior of this piece, with its six custom-made compartments and finely turned bone handles, illustrates the attention paid to the organization of domestic activities and the artisanal craftsmanship of furniture intended for refined households.Neoclassical Design and Early Biedermeier Influences The design of this maple sewing table, dating from around 1800, reflects the stylistic transition from late Neoclassicism to theemerging aesthetic that would later be associated with Biedermeier-style furniture.The geometric octagonal top, the elegant saber-shaped legs, and the understated decorative details attest to the enduring influence of classical forms on Northern European cabinetmaking.At the same time, the emphasis on the natural beauty of the

maple, the subtle contrast of the smoked maple strips, and the incorporation of practical storage foreshadow the characteristics of 19th-century Biedermeier furniture, particularly its preference for thin wood veneers, functional elegance, and understated ornamentation.The combination of architectural simplicity, carefully balanced curves, and finely executed joinery gives this table a distinctive character, reflecting the craftsmanship and decorative traditions of Baltic workshops around 1800.With its unusual octagonal top, custom-made compartments for sewing, and beautifully figured maple surfaces, this antique Baltic sewing table is an elegant example of transitional Northern European furniture, combining decorative refinement with domestic functionality.