

18th century leather-cased draughtsman's set

£295



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Height: 3 cm (1.2")

Width: 23 cm (9.1")

Depth: 10 cm (3.9")

Description

A fine 18th century tooled leather-cased draughtsman's set containing finely engineered instruments.

Draughtsmen's tools, essential for precision drawing, date back to the Renaissance when architects, engineers, and artists sought accuracy in their designs. Early tools included compasses, dividers, ruling pens, protractors, and wooden or metal straightedges, often handcrafted from brass, ivory, or ebony.

By the 18th and 19th centuries, advancements in metallurgy and manufacturing allowed for more standardised, durable instruments. Toolkits were meticulously organised in fitted boxes, reflecting the professional pride of draughtsmen.

These instruments enabled detailed architectural plans, mechanical drawings, and technical illustrations long before modern drafting machines and CAD software, marking a significant evolution in design precision and craftsmanship.