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Late 19th-Century Bone-Handled Draughtsman's Set

£45

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Description

A handsome late 19th-century draughtsman's set, presented in its original fitted leather case and retaining a collection of finely made bone-handled instruments. Both practical and beautifully tactile, it is an evocative survivor from the age of hand-drawn plans, when architects, engineers, surveyors, designers, and military draughtsmen relied on precision instruments to turn ideas into working drawings.

The case has a wonderfully compact, purposeful form, opening to reveal the carefully arranged tools within. The bone handles provide a warm contrast to the metal fittings, reflecting the quality and attention to detail associated with better draughting instruments of the period. Every component was made for accuracy, control, and durability, while the fitted case ensured that these delicate tools could be transported and protected between office, workshop, and site.

Before mechanical reproduction and computer-aided design, sets of this kind were essential to professional practice. Compasses, dividers, ruling pens, and related instruments enabled their owners to produce measured plans, elevations, technical diagrams, maps, and decorative designs with remarkable precision. Today, the set offers a fascinating connection to the skills of the 19th-century draughtsman and to the disciplined craft of drawing by hand.

With its aged leather, finely proportioned instruments, and elegant bone handles, this is as appealing as a display object as it is a piece of technical history. It would make an excellent addition to a library, desk, study, architect's office, or collection of antique scientific, surveying, and engineering instruments.

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