

Toleware urn

£275



REF: 7504

Height: 43 cm (16.9")

Width: 35 cm (13.8")

Depth: 35 cm (13.8")

Description

A large 1920s French green painted toleware urn with hand painted floral decoration and gilt embellishments.

Toleware refers to decorative household objects made from thin sheet metal, usually tin or iron, that are painted, lacquered, or stencilled by hand.

Originating in Europe during the eighteenth century, toleware became especially popular in Britain, France, and later America. Common items included trays, tea canisters, candleholders, lamps, and decorative boxes.

Craftspeople often used floral motifs, landscapes, and gold detailing to imitate more expensive lacquerware. The technique combined practicality with artistic decoration, making everyday objects visually attractive and affordable.

Today, antique toleware is admired for its folk-art character, skilled hand painting, and historical connection to traditional domestic craftsmanship and decorative arts.