

French marquetry strut looking glass

Sold



REF: 6422

Height: 63 cm (24.8")

Width: 45 cm (17.7")

Description

A 19th century French marquetry inlaid and bronze mounted strut looking glass with bevelled glass plate, circa 1860

The term "looking glass" comes from early English, where "looking" referred to the act of seeing or gazing. Before the word "mirror" became common, these reflective surfaces were called "glasses" because they were made of glass coated with metal. Thus, "looking glass" simply means a glass used for looking.