

Oak stationery box

Sold



REF: 6339

Height: 26 cm (10.2")

Width: 35 cm (13.8")

Depth: 17 cm (6.7")

Description

An Edwardian oak fitted stationery box with leather interior, circa 1910.

Stationery boxes have a long history, originating in the 16th century as ornate containers for writing materials. Initially crafted from precious woods and adorned with intricate designs, they were used by nobility and scholars to store quills, ink, and paper.

By the 18th century, these boxes became more accessible, with various materials like tin and leather becoming popular. With the rise of letter writing in the Victorian era, stationery boxes flourished, reflecting personal style and creativity, and evolving into functional art pieces for everyday use.