

French Rococo Bronze Oil Lamp, Circa 1760

£225



REF: 7584

Height: 28 cm (11")

Depth: 9 cm (3.5")

Diameter: 14 cm (5.5")

Description

A beautifully cast French bronze oil lamp base of the Louis XV period, dating to circa 1760 and later converted into an elegant table lamp. Richly detailed with raised Rococo ornament, the piece retains the lively asymmetry, fluid curves, and sculptural character that define the finest French decorative arts of the mid-18th century.

Originally made to hold oil for domestic illumination, the lamp base has been sensitively adapted for modern use while preserving its original presence and decorative appeal. Its warm patinated bronze surface enhances the depth of the casting, bringing out the finely modelled raised ornament and giving the piece a wonderful sense of age, craftsmanship, and permanence.

The Louis XV period was celebrated for its expressive, naturalistic ornament, and this example displays the refined playfulness of the Rococo style. Its combination of curving forms and richly worked bronze would have made it an impressive object in an 18th-century interior; today, the later electrification allows it to remain both useful and visually striking.

A characterful and atmospheric antique lamp for a library, drawing room, bedroom, or entrance hall. It offers the rare appeal of a genuine 18th-century French bronze object, adapted to bring warm, practical light to a contemporary interior.

French; bronze oil lamp base, circa 1760; later converted to electricity. Please refer to the photographs for condition, dimensions, wiring, shade, and fittings.

Rewired with brown twisted fabric flex and PAT tested.