

Set of Ten Regency Carved Horn-Handled Forks, Circa 1820

£75



Description

A handsome set of ten early 19th-century carved horn-handled forks, dating to circa 1820. Presented in two sizes, the set offers an appealing combination of practical utility and restrained Regency-era elegance.

Each fork is fitted with a naturally varied horn handle, carefully carved and shaped to sit comfortably in the hand. The warm tones and organic grain of the horn give every piece its own character, ranging from honeyed amber to deeper brown, while the simple steel forks provide a pleasing contrast. The two sizes would have allowed for different courses or uses at the table, making this a versatile and characterful addition to a period dining setting.

The forks retain steel blades with a rich, even patina developed over two centuries of use and careful keeping. The steel is rust-free, though heavily patinated, as is entirely consistent with carbon steel of this age. This surface should be appreciated as part of the set's authenticity and visual appeal, rather than mistaken for deterioration.

A charming and increasingly uncommon survival from the early 19th century, these forks would complement a Regency, Georgian, or country-house table. They are equally attractive displayed in a dining room, kitchen, or collection of early domestic antiques.