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Hamley's leather cased mah-jong set

Sold



REF: 7321

Height: 20 cm (7.9")

Width: 26 cm (10.2")

Depth: 20 cm (7.9")

Description

A fine Hamley's lilac leather cased mah-jong set with carved bone and bamboo counters, circa 1920.

Mahjong is a traditional Chinese tile-based game that combines skill, strategy, and a bit of luck. Played by four players, it involves drawing and discarding tiles to form specific sets, such as "pongs" (three of a kind) or "chows" (sequences).

Each tile has a unique design, including characters, bamboo, and circles, often accompanied by special winds and dragons. Mahjong requires careful planning, memory, and observation of opponents' moves.

Beyond entertainment, it serves as a social activity, bringing families and friends together. Over time, Mahjong has spread worldwide, inspiring countless variations and online versions that preserve its rich cultural heritage.