

Fine grand tour pietra dura chamber stick

£285



Description

A fine grand tour pietra dura chamber stick with foliate design, mounted in an ormolu and cloisonné frame. Possibly mounted in France. Circa 1860.

Pietra dura, also known as pietre dure, is a decorative art technique that involves inlaying finely cut and polished coloured stones into a stone base to create intricate images or patterns.

Originating in Italy during the Renaissance, particularly in Florence, this technique was widely used for tabletops, wall panels, and furniture. It often features motifs like flowers, birds, and geometric designs, showcasing remarkable craftsmanship and precision. Semiprecious stones such as lapis lazuli, jasper, agate, and onyx are commonly used.