
PAGODA RED



PAINTED BOOK CABINET

\$4,380

c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Paint, Northern Elmwood, Lacquer • Collection #PR0316A

W: 23.75" D: 15.25" H: 56.0"

This lacquered display cabinet from Shanxi province was crafted in the mid-19th century using traditional mortise-and-tenon joinery methods. The enclosed lower half was used for general storage and the open upper shelf was used to display precious objects such as vases, curios, or piles of books.

The exterior is darkened by a black lacquer finish and hand-painted with charming decorative motifs, including ancient bronzes, flower vases, scrolls, fruits, teapots, and symbols for happiness and longevity. A scrolled fretwork railing frames the open shelf, finished in a contrasting red lacquer. Continued...



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Original brass hardware secures the doors, now richly aged with a smooth patina and significant oxidation. Unusual for its smaller scale, we love this painted cabinet in a children's bedroom or playroom as an unexpected bookcase or toy chest.

Additional Dimensions:

Upper Compartment: 22"W x 13"D x 18.5"H

Upper Shelf: 22"W x 13"D x 12"H

Lower Shelf: 22"W x 13."

