
PAGODA RED



OFFICER'S INK BOX TABLE

\$1,880

c. 1850 • Shanxi, China • Northern Elmwood, Lacquer, Steel • Collection #BJG012

W: 8.0" D: 8.0" H: 20.5"

This 19th-century square box was once used by a Qing-dynasty official to elegantly store his calligraphy ink and custom seal. Previously an esteemed military officer, the official would have retired into the more contemplative occupation of a poet and scholar. Curating all elements of his studio for creative inspiration, the official likely decorated this elmwood ink box himself with a traditional "shan shui" landscape painting. Above the quiet river scenery reads "this wonderful autumn landscape that I see from my window inspires my poetry. Continued...



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" Elevated by straight steel legs, this petite box becomes an unusual side table, perfect as a surface for drinks and to hide household clutter.



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