



Aesthetic Movement Ebonized and Gilded Corner Wall Shelf c.1880

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£1,400

PERIOD	Aesthetic Movement , 1880-1889
YEAR	1880
STYLE	Aesthetic Movement
ORIGIN	United Kingdom
DIMENSIONS	H: 22.44 in (57 cm) W: 11.02 in (28 cm) D: 11.42 in (29 cm)
CONDITION	Good

About this piece

An **Aesthetic Movement ebonized walnut corner wall shelf** with carved eagles to each side, **gilded anaglypta paper** interior, and open upper and lower display tiers.

This **Aesthetic Movement** wall shelf (c.1880) exemplifies the decorative harmony between naturalistic carving and geometric form that defined the movement (1860–1890). Constructed in **ebonized and gilded walnut**, the design features an open upper display section enclosed by shaped aprons, each pierced with a circular panel containing a finely carved **gilded eagle** in profile.

The interior is lined with richly **gilded anaglypta paper**, its embossed surface forming a vertical pattern reminiscent of woven textile. The contrast between the dark ebonised frame and luminous gold interior heightens the visual depth of the recess, a device often employed by *Aesthetic Movement* designers to dramatise light and material texture.

A lower shelf, supported by further shaped aprons, completes the composition. The work reflects the period's fascination with Japanese-influenced asymmetry and the integration of natural motifs within structured domestic ornament.